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## Original Correspondence.

## THE IRON TRADE—MINING IN ALGERIA.

SIR.—In the *Mining Journal* of last week it is remarked that “the first step towards the development of the mineral resources of Algeria has been made by M. Talabot, whose name is well known in France from his connection with industrial enterprise,” &c. As the paragraph does not inform your readers the nature of the mines, &c., perhaps a few observations on the subject may be interesting, from one of a party who recently accompanied M. Talabot on a tour of inspection to his different mines in Sardinia as well as in Algeria.

The iron mines in Algeria are without doubt the most extensive I have ever seen, and the ore produces not only the best grey pig-iron, but crude steel (*spiegel eisen*) at pleasure, and yields in the furnace 66 per cent. of metal: this is the result when smelted alone, but it has been satisfactorily proved to produce much better results when smelted in conjunction with ores of a poorer quality. These very desirable qualities will certainly cause it soon generally to become better known; at present, however, its qualities are fully appreciated in France, to which country it is shipped in considerable quantities. It is smelted with coke near Marseilles, and with charcoal in about 30 Catalan furnaces near the Pyrenees, being sent by rail from the sea to Toulouse. Furnaces in the North of France also use it. Near Bôna it is also smelted by a Parisian company, who have there two well-conducted blast-furnaces; one only is in blast at the present time, using charcoal brought from Corsica, producing with cold-blast 70 tons of crude steel weekly, which is sent to Marseilles, where it is sold at upwards of *sine pounds per ton*. The peculiarity of the pig-iron is its ductility and strength. The mines, or rather open quarries, from which the ore hitherto shipped has been worked, are situated at Rarezas, about seven miles inland from Bôna; these are connected with the Seyboune River by a railway, on which the first locomotive was started last month; another is nearly ready for shipment. The ore is loaded in lighters, and conveyed to vessels at anchor in the roadstead of Bôna. For towing these over the bar, and clearing the channel, a steamboat was sent out from here, and a capacious screw steam-barge, fitted with suitable steam-cranes, &c., will follow in a week or two. By these means larger quantities of ore can be shipped, as the ore have vastly accumulated.

At a few miles distance from the Rarezas Mine is the mountain Mokt el Hadid (the iron quarry), formerly worked by the Romans. This mountain of iron ore is nearly of the same quality as the Rarezas; it is highly magnetic, and contains by the analysis given me—Peroxide of iron, 66%; protoxide, 29%; carbonate of lime, 2·20; ditto magnesia, 0·2; silica, 0·2; alumina, 0·6; water, 1·8 = 100. It is, in fact, one mass of ore, apparently all of the same quality, showing to view a face of several hundred yards in extent, and about 400 ft. high; it is calculated to contain in one compact mass not less than 125,000,000 tons above the level of the plain.

It is the opinion of practical men that this ore will be very largely used in this country, as it can be brought here and to Wales at a price that will compete successfully with the ores at present in use; whilst its superior quality, and the fact that crude steel is made from it, such quantities can now be produced that it will no longer be necessary to allow Prussia and Belgium to take the lead of this country in the production of puddled steel, which at present is the case, solely in consequence of our not possessing the suitable raw material, or being able to procure it at a paying price.

Tees Side Iron-works, Middlesbrough, July 7.

JOHN PLAYER.

## FEAR OF CALLS.

SIR.—Several remarkable instances have lately occurred of shareholders in mines having sold or abandoned their shares prematurely, in consequence of fearing, or disliking to face, further calls, such as in Bryntall Mine, Wheal Glynn, more recently in Wheal Harriett, and probably in Wheal Zion. I am induced, with your permission, to offer a few remarks on the subject, to which I am prompted by a recent perusal of the history of the New River Company; and it may not be deemed out of place to cite such a history, when it is remembered that Sir Hugh Middleton was enabled to bring this work, by means of his own funds alone, as far as Enfield, in Middlesex, in consequence of being the lucky proprietor of a lead mine in Wales, which, as is well known, yielded him an immense fortune, and is actually still at work, realising handsome profits. To make this New River bear upon the question of calls, it will be necessary to sketch its history.

The water was brought into the basin at Islington on September 29, 1613. There were originally twenty-nine shares, the proprietors of which were incorporated under the name of the “New River Company,” in 1619, in the reign of James I., who having advanced Sir Hugh 500*l.* to complete the undertaking, became proprietor of one-half the whole work, but without any share in the management. In 1633 (14 years after its completion) a dividend was declared of 11*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.* per share. The second dividend was 3*s.* 2*d.* per share; whilst, instead of a third dividend, a call being expected, Charles the First resolved, as the history states, “to get rid of such a hazardous affair,” and sold his moiety in the concern for an annuity of 50*l.* to him and his successors. The royal moiety, so conveyed, was divided into 36 shares, to equal the other moiety, called “Adventurers’ Shares,” divided into 36 also, being 72 shares in the whole, and called respectively King’s and Adventurers’ shares. Two of the former shares are burdened with the annuity, which makes the latter shares, in modern phraseology, “preference” ones. If the total cost of the work of bringing the water, by means of a canal, 39 miles may be estimated by the fact that only 500*l.* was required to complete it from Enfield (by the road 10 miles from London), there is probably no such instance on record of a rise in the value of any property in any course of time—the 72 shares being worth at this time in the market no less a sum than *one million one hundred and fifty-two thousand pounds, or about sixteen thousand pounds per share!*

Considering the increased value of money in the present day, the “fear of calls” on the part of the unfortunate monarch, however appropriate to the present question, is a rather amusing incident, especially in the history of kings; but the consenting to the alienation of property instead of paying calls certainly was a great mistake; and so it often is with timid holders of mining shares, of which your Journal tempts with proofs. The rationale of the whole question appears to me to be, that what is worth one person’s interest to buy is worth another person’s interest to hold, setting aside on the part of the latter any urgent necessity to sell. The history of five dividend mines out of ten (to confine the question to that class of investments) would probably furnish proofs that one-half of the proprietary in each had at some time or other “stepped into the shoes” of some former timid adventurers, and are, as a consequence, now enjoying the fortune which was thus, for want of either a little more almost nominal outlay, confidence, perseverance, deliberation, advice, or whatever else was wanting, thrown away.

JAMES CROFTS.

## MAIN DRAINAGE OF LONDON, AND PURIFICATION OF THE THAMES.

SIR.—In my communication of last week, upon these subjects, I quite forgot to mention that if the Government persist in making it a *sine quâ non* that no sewage shall pass into the upper part of the river, and thereby necessitate the use of intercepting sewers, I should then recommend their formation (in connection with my plans already published for effecting these objects, and fully described in Nos. 1186 and 1193 of your *Journal*) in manner following—viz., the constructing of an intercepting sewer on the north side of the river, to commence and proceed from my proposed weir across the Thames at Battersea along the side of the river till opposite Tower Hill, then veering to the left under the hill north of the several docks (so as to avoid their entrances from the river), under the Regent’s Canal, and then in the direction of the Commercial-road, and in a direct line from thence across the Isle of Dogs, and along the side of the river into Woolwich Reach. And another intercepting sewer on the south side, which should also commence at and proceed from such weir at Battersea along the side or the river to within a short distance of the Thames Tunnel, then running off to the right in a direct line under the Surrey Canal, south of the Surrey Docks (also to avoid their entrances from the river), into Greenwich Reach, and along the side of the river to East Greenwich, and thence in a direct line also into Woolwich Reach, where such intercepting sewers would admit of any required extension, if at any future time it might be deemed desirable to convey the sewage passing through them down the river, to be there or thence propelled onwards under low water level by the copious and powerful streams of water issuing through the central passages of and over my proposed weir, in Blackwall Reach or Bugsby’s Reach. These intercepting sewers, passing along the sides of the river in the first instance, being allowed to encroach upon its bed sufficiently to afford increased wharf accommodation, with elevated railways above, supported upon pillars, to admit of passengers and goods being conveyed theron between the several bridges, and from and to the various wharves, docks, &c., as proposed and submitted by me in the month of February, 1857, to the referee appointed by Sir Benjamin Hall, in connection with another project of mine, for effecting the drainage of London, &c., and afterwards fully described in No. 37 of the *Building News*, and also in No. 1149 of your *Journal*, in which and in No. 1186, I have also described certain means of collecting, conveying away, and utilising all the excrementitious portion of London sewage, which, if put in practice so as to prevent hereafter any portion thereof from entering and contaminating the ordinary sewers, the water of the Thames or the metropolitan atmosphere would, in my humble opinion, render the employment of such intercepting sewers unnecessary, although, of course an advantage, leaving the cost of their construction entirely out of the question. But, even if adopted, they would never be the means of keeping the river in a state of absolute purity, as it ever must be the recipient of the refuse from shipping, as well as of numerous deleterious substances and fluids cast into it, which no degree of vigilance could prevent, with such an immense population on its banks, which I never can believe will in future be selected for residential purposes now that such inexpensive facilities exist for getting into the country by rail, boat, or omnibus. Neither do I expect any metropolitan extension in the direction of the river beyond Bugsby’s Reach in any considerable degree for many years to come, from the lowness of the ground, particularly on the north side; so that the methods now proposed for draining the metropolis to that point may be considered sufficient and final, perhaps, for ages yet to come, without the necessity of incurring any further outlay.

Another advantage, which I have neglected to mention as arising from keeping the river at so high a level above the weirs at Battersea, consists in the improvement of the navigation upwards as far as Teddington, which at present is very much impeded by

shallows at low water, as well as for affording a supply of any quantity of water for propelling the sewage through such intercepting sewers (if ever constructed) into Woolwich Reach.—July 5.

W. H. JAMES, C.E.

Eldest Son and Assistant of the deceased Originator and Founder of the Modern Railway System.\*

## THE TRANSATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

SIR.—When I ventured in your *Journal* of Feb. 6 and 20 last to call attention to this subject, it was solely with the view of giving my humble opinion as to the impropriety of the attempt then designed to saddle our small capitalists with the risks of this project, by a subdivision of the 1000*l.* shares, and by a rig on the share market. I did intend to continue my observations, and demonstrate, on scientific grounds, the utter inadequacy of the plans in course of execution, but the withdrawal of the proposed conversion of shares induced me to withhold any further opposition till a full and fair trial had been made of the modifications which were deemed by the company conducive to success.

We have now the result of the second experiment, communicated by the telegraph, on the arrival of the *Niagara* and *Gorgon* at Queenstown—the disastrous failure of the undertaking; and it is well it is no worse. Had a storm, such as lately devastated many parts of England, struck with its full force the over-weighted vessels of the squadron, it is scarcely to be doubted that, in addition to the present disappointment, we might have now to deplore a fearful sacrifice of human life. To avert so awful a calamity, I resume once more the obligation of endeavouring to arouse the attention of the Government, and of your readers, whose influence, on account of their connection with our leading scientific and commercial constituencies, cannot be doubted, to the folly of persevering in a project inevitably doomed to defeat.

Can our Government, with the tests of the experimental cruise in the Bay of Biscay, as well as the present abortive effort before them, conscientiously lend themselves to the further prosecution of an enterprise, where there exists not only the disgrace of repeated frustration, but also the serious probability of the sad catastrophe at which I have hinted, of the foisting of one or both of the noble ships employed to lay the cable? I protest that no nautical engineer of capacity or repute could anticipate any other consequence of the operation with the means employed than that which has been just reported. Is there none such in the pay of the Admiralty to advise Her Majesty’s Ministers in so momentous a case? Is our hydrographer merely a draughtsman, and our naval surveyor a ship’s architect, or simple sailors, without the attainments of an engineer? If so, we pay “too dear for our whistle,” as poor Richard says, in allowing them the bounteous salaries they enjoy; for it must be within the experience and competency of any naval engineer to pronounce a condemnation on the plans proposed. I do not say that such a judgment was altogether justified by the first evidence submitted—the off-hand assertion of Murray, and the apparently matter-of-fact survey of Berryman. The heaven-formed bed, “soft as a snow bank,” according to the former, and the “telegraphic plateau” of the latter, were, it must be admitted, inducements to arrest the imputation of absurdity that the natural inferences from all facts hitherto accredited were calculated to suggest.

It would have been excusable to proceed on such semi-official information were there nothing further to offer for satisfactory adjudication; it would have passed to posterity, as one of the multitudinous instances of official inaptitude to be recorded. What I complain of, and what I call on every sound intelligence to join me in reproaching, is that, having better information, however lately obtained, our authorities should persist in sanctioning the obstinate desperation of a clique of speculators, by lending our ships and seamen, and public funds, to repeat an attempt demonstrable from the previous proceedings to be utterly futile.

I do not specially refer to the cruise in the Baltic, to which, however, I shall have to advert, should your space permit of the continuation of the subject. That was, we were assured, satisfactory, highly satisfactory—an assertion that was repeated by the “own correspondent” of your grand contemporary, to silence the loud murmur of the Plymouth sceptics, who were told the “satisfactory” was meant in a *Pickwickian* sense, the failures of that occasion having been predetermined, the smashing, twisting, and cutting adrift and loss being part of the play—spare cable to be expended, just to get their hands in. And now, with a vengeance, they have got their hands into that sort of work, for it is said they have *lost* to the tune of 25,000*l.* worth of cable (more probably double the quantity) at the very beginning of the paying-out.

The main points of my impeachment are—First, that, having, as if by the way, or of pure accident, obtained a comparatively trustworthy survey of the track of the intended submersions, contradictions, in essential and fundamental items, the original case of the promoters of the scheme, our Government should have advanced a step further until the discrepancy was examined; for if not an unintentional and accidental variance, the basis of the project was a swindle, and nothing less. Next, that, having taken two false steps in the affair—namely, the omission to verify the interested allegations of the company, and when those allegations were invalidated the sanction of the expedition without due investigation—having, after these two mistakes, attained to absolute certainty as to the nature of the risks involved by the interruption of the magnetic current and the rupture of the cable, it was permitted to the promoters of the company to proceed without having first published Captain Dayman’s report, and invited the scientific world to be the jurors of the cause, and without instituting the most complete investigation on every branch of the subject.

It does appear to me that this is a very grave matter, for unless the late Government *de pari pris*, the imputation is naturally raised of culpable and reckless folly.

I thus early address you to implore our present rulers not to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors. If Mr. Cyrus Field and the rest of his lot, his coadjutors, are really of “Her Majesty’s Service” as his disengaged professes, let there be no hole-in-corner dealing with the business; let us have the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; and, before any further absurdity is committed, let the public be informed why the ships have advanced, as well as the minutest detail of their operations; and, further, how the directors of the company can presume to calculate on success with such a series of misfortunes, decisive, to impartial minds, as to the consequences of their rash and ruinous persistence. Your co-operation also implore, as one of the leading scientific organs, to excite your readers to join my demand for full and prompt investigation, and for the authoritative interposition of the responsible Minister.

July 6.

## RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

SIR.—According to the report mentioned in my last, the causes of railway accidents are—inattention of servants, defective materials, and excessive speed. In the opinion of the committee, the strict personal supervision of the companies themselves could alone provide against the two first causes; but in case they fail to pay more attention to this point in future they are, as it were, warned that in some way or other they will be compelled to do so. To ensure the carefulness and attention of servants holding responsible posts, I would suggest the appointment of a superior class of men, with an adequate salary, and who, from their position and education, could better appreciate and would be more alive to the importance of that responsibility. The remedies recommended for excessive speed are everything that could be desired—not by the companies, but by the public. The committee are of opinion “that it should be imperative on railway companies to establish a means of communication between guards and engine-drivers.” The utility of this system has been clearly demonstrated by a number of accidents that have lately happened, and which, had such a system been in use, would either have been prevented or rendered much less serious. I am, however, at a loss to understand the reason why these means should not be available for passengers also. It is true that with a system of communication between guards and engine-drivers, the former would be enabled to signal the latter to shut off steam, reverse the engine, &c., in order to stop the train in case of necessity. The guard would also be enabled to signal to the engine-driver to quicken speed in case of a train coming up behind; or the engine-driver would be able to signal the guard to apply the break in case of a train being ahead. But suppose, for instance, a carriage was to take fire, the chances are most decidedly against the probability of the guard or engine-driver being aware of it in time to stop the train before serious damage is done either to passengers or property. The probability of such an occurrence alone ought to be a sufficient reason why the means of communication should be made available for passengers. I believe the adoption of this means was recommended by the committee at their preceding meeting.

There is another means, conducive not only to the safety but to the comfort of railway passengers, and which would consist in increasing the width of the rails and, consequently, of the wheels. Before Parliament allows the construction of other lines, I would recommend this suggestion to their careful consideration.

There is one “precaution” that the committee opine is better left to the management of the railway boards, which I believe merits much more attention than has been given to it. I allude to railway breaks. The more breaks there are to the train, the more chance of being able to travel a short distance per rail without a reasonable fear of loss of life or limbs. I would humbly suggest to railway companies to provide the preventive means recommended by the committee before they suffer the humiliation of being compelled to do so. As far as these means have reference to mechanical contrivances, they will find that there are already innumerable inventions from among which they would undoubtedly find some that would answer the purpose in every respect. Indeed, it has been a matter of no little surprise to me to find that so many inventors have devoted their time and energies to the perfection of appliances for safety in railway travelling, when in no single instance has any encouragement been given them.

In conclusion, allow me to state that I could have quoted numerous accidents that have lately occurred in support of the views expressed in this letter, but have refrained from doing so because, doubtless, they will be still fresh in the memory of your readers, and also because one quotation would have necessitated many others, and thus encroach too much on your valuable space.

AN UNINSURED RAILWAY TRAVELLER.

London, July 8.

## REWORKING OLD AND DEEP MINES.

SIR.—Among the many important subjects which are referred to in your *Journal* is that of the vast amount of capital which has of late years been applied to the reworking of old and deep mines. Is it not astonishing to find enterprising men, and men of education too, investing capital for the purpose of scraping these egg shells from which the yolk of the egg has long since been taken? Taking your List as my guide, I find that there has already been laid out in four of these old worthless no less than 400,000*l.*, and yet not one of them is returning a farthing to the shareholders. If we reckon 5 per cent. interest on this money it would return 20,000*l.* yearly—sufficient for the development of any one new mine with ordinary prospects. Now, supposing this 400,000*l.* were to be employed in mining, would it not be better to apply it in the opening of new ground, and in exploring ledges from the surface? It would set 20 new mines to work, with a capital of 20,000*l.* each. Can it be doubted that, if the ground be carefully selected by judicious persons, the speculator would meet his deserved reward? I calculate that at least 10 out of the 20 of these mines would, if placed in the right hands to manage, be brought to a profitable state of working before the above sums were expended upon them. Supposing these 10 mines to work 300*l.* a month each, it would amount to 36,000*l.* yearly, and in 30 years would re-

turn over 1,000,000*l.* profits. The other 10 mines would at least return the amount expended on them.

Surely speculating gentlemen must connect themselves with old mines from want of experience, or because they have been great undertakings. From what has been done within the last five or ten years, we might almost expect that the Gwennap Great Consols would be resumed soon, and 200,000*l.* or 300,000*l.* invested in it, to no purpose whatever. Doubtless some captain could be found who would say that there are thousands of tons left in it, that it never looked better than when it was knocked last, that had it not been for so-and-so it never would have been stopped, &c. That there may be a great deal of ore left behind I do not deny; but, the question is, will it pay the cost of working and the interest of the money invested?—No, never. Perhaps some one will say that I am wrong, and that there are many old mines that have been forsaken by the first party and reworked that have paid, and are even now paying, well for working. True, this is the case; but what has been the cause of the abandonment?—in many instances bad management. The pockets of the shareholders have been emptied to fill those of the projectors, the shareholders have become poor, and from want of capital have been obliged to give up the mine, and leave what has been done for the benefit of others. I know many instances of this, where a large amount of capital has been judiciously expended, but the cost has not been fairly estimated in the beginning; but can any one inform me where a mine 300 fins, deep below adit has been worked to any considerable profit? We will suppose a mine to be 250 fins, below the adit, which is 30 fins. from surface; there would thus be 280 fins. to provide materials, &c., for; it would cost 250,000*l.*, and take three years to clear out the water; and then, as the returns must chiefly depend on the levels below, I will ask—must it not be a good concern to pay 20,000*l.* per annum for 10 years = 200,000*l.* There will be 50,000*l.* interest on the 250,000*l.*, and 130,000*l.* cost = 180,000*l.*; and had the same money been applied to the working of new mines it would have paid cent. per cent., and would continue for 20 years.

My opinion is that it is only in exceptional cases that abandoned mines should be re-worked when the depth exceeds 200 fins., and capitalists might do well to consider my remarks before they speculate in the reworking of old and deep mines.

Rose Cottage, Lostwithiel, July 5.

JOHN SEYMOUR.

## THE GRANITE QUARRIES OF LUXULIAN, CORNWALL.

SIR.—Few among the many scenes to be observed in Cornwall are more remarkable, or better worth a visit, than are the granite quarries of Mr. Treffry, in the parish of Luxulian. There may be the visitor see wealth being realised without destruction—the *utile cum dignitate* fulfilled. The whole neighbourhood is covered with scattered rocks (boulders) of gigantic proportions, several (by measure) weighing not less than 300 to 3000 tons. Some are of the most grotesque and fanciful forms, perched as it were on pinnacles, or forming what are technically called logan, or rocking stones. I enclose you a drawing of one of the most remarkable. This stone is elevated about 40 ft., and weighs 70 tons. The hill on which it stands is a boss of the great granite out of which are quarried stones of immense proportions; indeed, their size is limited only to the requirements or to the power of the machinery to remove them. One stone lately split up was of the following size:—54 ft. long, 41 ft. wide, 13 ft. deep, thus containing no less than 28,782 tons, weighing 2056 tons. The master of the quarry pointed us out one of still greater magnitude. These tremendous stones are now being wrought for the dock-yard works at Portsmouth. At these quarries about 80 men are employed, at an average wage of 15*s.* per week. The granite workers call themselves stone masons. The work is extremely hard and laborious, the granite being wrought by means of pointed hammers, called picks; to split these rocks, wedges are used with two small strips of steel, termed feathers. A series of holes, about 3*in.* apart, are bored by means of a tool termed a jumper—a bar of iron with steel points, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. at the point, so that a man may be literally said to jump down a hole of small calibre.

These quarries were worked by the late Mr. Treffry, and thousands of tons raised.

Care has been taken not to disturb the picturesqueness. All the extraordinary rocks are tabooed, and in working great care is taken not to impair the romantic scenery of the locality.

Near this is the celebrated aqueduct and viaduct of the Par and Newquay Railway, the first ever erected in this country. Such buildings now being common they are not worth describing, but of the time of their erection they were considered wonderful pieces of work. About  $\frac{1}{2}$

beautiful country, and it is computed that there are, taking the lowest computation, at least eighty miles of good ironstone yet to be worked. Could these immense erections, then, not be converted into an establishment for the manufacture of shells, mortars, &c., and other ironwork required by Government? These could be made cheaper than at any other place I know of, Scotland excepted. Pig-iron of excellent quality is produced about two miles from Weedon, and it is stated to be peculiarly suitable for the description of castings I have named. A blast furnace might be erected at Weedon, and the whole process carried out on the spot—first the smelting of the ore, then the conversion of the pig-iron so made into the castings required.

WILLIAM BROWN.

THE MINING MARKET.—We have received the following communications:

From Mr. JAMES CROFTS.—The market during the week has presented little to remark upon, there being still an undercurrent of dullness as regards general dealings; but some life has been thrown into it, nevertheless, in consequence of very marked improvements in several concerns, and in which a large business has been done: in particular must be noted Wheal Harriett, Wheal Edward, Herodsfoot, and Great Wheal Alfred, whilst other mines of less note have admirably maintained an improved position, such as Kelly Bray, Redmoor, West Par Consols, Trellawny, Mary Ann, and South Tamar. Early in the week the result of the sale of Banca tin became known, and the advance being 5/- per ton over the last sale, immediate firmness, without, however, any great rise in price, was imparted to such dividend mines as Wheal Providence and Par Consols, which may be taken as a fair type of that class of concerns as perfectly safe to invest in under present circumstances. Non-dividend tin are also, of course, more required for, and a noticeable feature is, that for such shares the orders to buy emanate chiefly from Cornwall, and although the movements of that distant extremity of the mining market cannot always be depended upon as *bond fide*, there are symptoms about the present operations which render them reliable to copy. Every other branch of speculative business continues dull in the extreme.

At the meeting of Okel Tor adventurers at Plymouth, on June 30th, the accounts presented showed that the mine was in debt to that date 704/-, whilst, prospectively to the end of July, there would be a deficiency of 1061/-, which has been nearly provided for by a call of 5/- per share on the 4096 shares. There are 600 tons of tin on the mine, valued at 360/-, and taken as an asset; and, as no estimate is made of copper ore to be raised or sold within the same period, the only dependence for funds to pay costs after July must evidently be further calls. The account is altogether not very clear, nor will it prove agreeable to large holders who have for a series of years supported the mine, not one of whom is stated to be in arrears of calls. The tardiness of the buyer of the mine in taking it away may also prove an unfavourable item in finance, but yet it is hoped the predictions of the agent may be realized, since he states, in concluding his report, that he sees "nothing in the appearance of the mine to discourage the shareholders as to its ultimate success."

At the Vale of Towy meeting, held on Thursday, the report was highly favourable for the future, the work in the mine having of late been impeded by an influx of water and a want of miners. The accounts showed a balance of assets of 1464/- 5s. 6d., out of which a dividend of 1s. per share was declared payable in 14 days. These shares are partaking of the general dullness of the market, but must be assumed as perfectly safe to invest in, and the lower the price the more advantageous for the buyer. There are at present 169 shareholders. The produce of the stopes, &c., of Catherine and Jane is 53 cwt. of ore to the fathom. It should be observed that this ratio of production will give shortly an increased quantity of ore per month. Ten tons of good ore were sampled on Saturday last, as promised, and shipped for Holywell the same day. Under the excellent management of the agent this mine is being rapidly developed for lead, whilst for the large deposit of iron ore measures are being taken by the management to bring the produce again into the market.—North Frances: Upon orders from Cornwall a large business has been done. It is an improving mine, and great things predicted of it.

At the commencement of the week a minister report obtained circulation, to the effect that the lode in Wheal Harriett, going east in the 74, was close upon the boundary of Condurrow Mine (a rather serious question for the former mine, if true); but the report was as speedily contradicted as circumstances would permit, although, like all adverse reports, it answered its temporary purpose of depressing the shares. The writer has examined fully into the question, to the best of his ability, and dispensed even with the reports of the very respectable agent of the mine, that the rumour was totally untrue. The elaborate plans of the mine, which can be inspected at the office (assuming, of course, that they can be relied upon, which is not doubted in the slightest degree), show that the Condurrow Mine lies due south of Wheal Harriett, whilst the lode is an east and west one, but the underlie of the lode (15 in. in the fathom) would certainly bring it into Condurrow *set*, 160 or 180 fathoms below the said level, which work, if required, will never be performed in the time of the present generation; and, therefore, the report becomes as much an absurdity (being an impossibility) as the reputed faculty of the Irishman's gun for shooting round the corner. Moreover, a formal contradiction has been given to the report by a letter received from Cornwall, on Wednesday, by one of our most respectable mining firms, and as probably the management of the mine will also publish an authenticated contradiction, by which the injury done to the property will be permanently repaired, this *casard* may be designated as a "weak invention of the enemy," since it could not have been circulated in ignorance of facts.

A correspondent suggests to the writer that he has scarcely gone far enough in the analysis of the various modes of advertising shares, and states "there is one class you have hitherto omitted, who merely offer to buy shares, and when applied to fixing a price far below the market value; also advertising to sell at certain prices, and calling themselves *buyers* of the same shares in the same advertisement." These anomalies had not escaped observation, but as they are almost too palpable to mislead they may fairly be left to care themselves. It is observable already that there is a considerable reform in the matter of advertising, and the adoption of a really sound and *bond fide* mode of doing it (if at all) may, therefore, be left to the discernment of the majority of advertisers, whilst exceptions can be dealt with in the usual way.

A very reprehensible practice, as it may be fairly designated, has long existed of parties procuring lists of shareholders in mines, and addressing them with offers of services, generally to buy shares, and especially when some sudden improvement takes place in a mine, the particulars of which, in the due course of things, reaches the market and the brokers or dealers before it can be the shareholders. Such gratuitous offers of services should, by the recipients of such letters, at all times be looked at with caution, and since every shareholder in a mine has bought his shares through some broker selected by himself, the attempt to interfere by another broker is scarcely creditable, and certainly nearly allied to the bascule practice of poaching, and for that and other private reasons is found distasteful to shareholders themselves, on whose behalf principally this notice is taken of the matter.

P.S.—At the last moment, before sending the foregoing to the Journal, a seller suddenly appeared of Wheal Harriett shares at 21s., on the strength of intelligence from Cornwall by telegraph, and business was done in 50 shares at that price. No information it appears, has then arrived at the office of the mine to throw light upon the cause of such sale. Subsequently the price rose again to 30s. and 35s.; later, the intelligence was waited for to explain the cause of this depression, which at length arrived from the purser of the mine, but in too brief and vague terms to understand thoroughly, since it merely stated "The ore in Harriett had failed." It is hoped further details from some source, whether they be of a favourable character or not, will reach the Journal in time for this week's impression.

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## MINING NOTABILIA.

[EXTRACTS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENCE.]

**WHEAL CHARLOTTE** continues to open well, the end of the levels having greatly improved since the last meeting. The tribute pitches are yielding large quantities of copper ore, worth from 7*l.* to 8*l.* per ton. The last sale, on June 10, was 1140*t.*, which gave a profit of 300*t.* over the two months, and the next sale will be for greater. The sales of copper ore have increased from 400*t.* to 1140*t.* during the year, as will be seen by reference to the *Mining Journal*; 25,000*t.* has been laid out on this property, and now selling at 7*l.* per share, or about 700*t.* for the whole mine. This is a good investment, and remarkably cheap, as a great rise will take place in shares at an early date.

**HULLOM MINE.**—Further attempts at this place, like many others, have led to fresh discoveries. A bed of clay between two tin lodes has been met with, which is suitable for pottery purposes. A fresh lode of tin has been found. Had mining been tried, this old and once favourite property would have been worked by the same party as the Penrose Consols (now a promising and leading mine, having paid her way for months, and able to do so for four more without further discovery), abandoned for the same cause—the panic of 1847. This property will before long attain equal celebrity with its sister mine.

**FROM ANGARRACK CONSOLS.** Capt. James Barratt reports that they have several large and very promising lodes, which will, without doubt, prove productive in a little more depth. The engine-shaft is situated between two groups of lodes, and underlying towards each other.

**PENCORSE CONSOLS.**—The proprietors of this mine are now doing what they should have done three years since—erecting suitable machinery for dressing their produce cheaply and properly. A water-wheel has been purchased, and sump bobbins, &c., being built. The recent improvements in these mines render this step absolutely necessary. The quantity of ore now raising could not well be returned by hand. Many hundreds of tons have been undercut and will be wrought at a low tribute. Considerable demand exists for blends, of which the mine is one of the largest producers in this kingdom. The price has gradually improved from 35*t.* to 55*t.* per ton, with every likelihood of a further advance. A demand has arisen for shares in this mine, chiefly from Cornwall. Several enquiries have been made for them in the London markets, but we believe few are held in London, it being principally a Lode's proprietary.

**WHEAL EDWARD.**—Although such different opinions, and various reports, have emanated from so many experienced agents, this mine appears to survive the storm, and once more take a good position, not only in the share market, but by better proofs—the samplings and future sales. No mine has so run down as poor Edward and his agent; it is to be hoped that the mine and Capt. East will, ere long, justify his past report by the future samplings.—SHAREHOLDER.

**At WHEAL MARGERY** the prospects are very good indeed; they are raising large quantities of ore, and the mine is improving.

Within the last fortnight a valuable discovery has been made on the Sigford Estate, in the parish of Ilfracombe, Devon. A rich lode of copper ore has been opened on within 10 ft. of the surface. The sett, which is called the Sigford Consols, is situated within about half a mile of the junction of the slate and granite, about one mile north of the Ashburton United Mine, and two miles south of Yarner. This discovery, which is unquestionably one of the best yet made on the eastern side of the moor, will, no doubt, give a considerable impetus to mining operations in the Ashburton and Bovey districts, particularly when taken in connection with the fine property of the Ashburton United and the Yarner Mines, both of which are more than realising expectations.

**LEEDS AND ST. AUBYN MINES** are greatly improved of late. At the last account meeting the agents promised to have 5 tons of black tin for the ensuing month's sale; it turned out nearly 8*1/4* tons, and realised the sum of 381*t.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, which was more than realising cost.

**THE PROVIDENCE MINES** are yielding large quantities of tin. The next dividend is expected to be 3*l.* or 4*l.* Shares are likely to advance in price immediately.

**ROSEWELL HILL AND RANSOM UNITED.**—The pitch in the bottom of the 20, west of Ransom engine-shaft, is looking splendid. The men are working it on tribute, at 7*l.* 6*s.* in 1*t.*, and are expected to break 100*t.* worth of tin this month. The accounts generally from the mine (which are, no doubt, regularly forwarded to you) are of a most encouraging character.

**IRON MINING IN CORNWALL.**—Our previous notice on this subject alludes to the suspension of shipping at the Restormel and Grey Mare Mines, and to the continued activity in some of the western iron mines. We find, on enquiry, that at Far iron of a very superior quality can be shipped at price, which we never contemplated. The mine near this place can be worked at a nominal cost, the lode being driven on into the side of a hill, without any waste either of material or power. A railway from the level conveys the ore to the ship's side, without trouble. The superior quality of this ore commands a ready sale. The quantity being shipped is immense. Near St. Austell, also, excellent iron ore is being raised. The utmost economy is practised, and the proprietors express themselves satisfied with the adventure and prices realised. We are, therefore, bound to suppose a profit is being made. At Truro large quantities are also being exported. Still, it cannot be denied that there is not activity in Cornish iron mining which existed twelve months since. We sincerely hope it may revive at Wheal Hanau; an engine-house is being erected, but as they propose to work both copper and tin lodes the mine cannot be termed an iron mine, though this mineral will be raised.

Since the above was written the following communication has been received:—On Monday last upwards of 80 iron miners were discharged from the works of Mr. Whitford, St. Columb, thus verifying our doubts, expressed some three weeks since, whether iron could be profitably worked in this country at present prices. This decision will cause considerable distress to many families of industrious, hard-working men. This will also be a great injury to the ports of Truro, Newquay, and Padstow; it will also be a serious blow to the small shipping employed in the conveyance of the ore.

**Capt. Bishop (late of South Wheal Frances, now of Lewis Mines), Capt. Daw (of Carn Brea), and Capt. Roberts (west Bassett and other mines), have inspected** **THROGHTADOWN'S MINE**, near Tolvaiddon, and speak well of its prospects and merits, and confidently recommend it as one of the best mining fields for investment in the county. The sett is about to be worked by Capt. Michael Marilyn and John Vivian, and we wish these good miners every success their abilities deserve.

**WHEAL VIOLET** (late Wheal Marshall, St. Stephens).—This promising mine, which was abandoned solely from the quarrelling of the adventurers, is, we understand, to be immediately resumed, under the management of Capt. John Webb, of the Great Hewas Mine. The opinion of all practical men during its last working was most decided that, if properly developed, it would make a profitable mine; but where orders and counter orders prevail, where divisions of council are the rule, no mine, however intrinsically good, can prosper. We hope this will not now be the case. So many miners being out of employment, labour will be cheap, and the reworking of this mine a mitigation of the otherwise probable distress.

**At the GREAT HEWAS MINE**, activity appears in every department, bespeaking a good mine and good management. Some fine tin is being returned from the western part. The proprietors have reason to be satisfied with the adventure, which will long produce the desired results.

**Mr. BARNIER, a French gentleman, and Mr. CHARLES WADSWORTH**, an American, students from the Ecole des Mines, Paris, have been on a tour in the Devon and Cornwall districts. They have visited the Devon Great Consols, Restormel, Fowey Consols, &c., gathering all the information they can procure. They express themselves in most gratifying terms on the politeness and attention they have experienced from all parties, and the readiness with which every process, and the nature of the mineral veins in the different localities, have been explained and communicated. They leave with a high impression of the Cornishmen's ability, politeness, and candour.

As a proof of the prostration of trade, it may be mentioned that not only is the price of iron so low as to render the production of the ore (except under peculiar circumstances) unremunerative, but even the washing of the beautiful blister brown (commonly calledumber), practised near the Indian Queens, has been entirely suspended, *pro tem.*, a large quantity remaining on hand unsold. This was much in request for paper-staining purposes, for which it is admirably adapted. It is found near Chilverton, in a lode in whitish killas, and is the only vein of the kind at present known. It is extremely light, resembling, except in colour, dried peat. The article is of very late introduction, and gradually increased in demand, until from 8 to 10 tons per month were required. Although the washing has been suspended, raising the article is continued. So careful is the preparation required to be, that none but the most perfectly clear spring water can be used; the least fouling of the stream by rain or accident would destroy the beauty and purity of the colour; it is, therefore, carried a distance of four miles from the place of its production to the mouth of an adit whence issues the desired perfectly limpid stream. This discovery is said to pay well, and illustrates the necessity of attention to every substance met with in geological searches; for, though known to exist for many years, its practical utility and worth are only just now ascertained and appreciated.

## MINING IN JAMAICA.

The mining advices from Jamaica, which are of growing interest and importance, come down to June 10, and comprise the following:—

**CLARENDON CONSOLIDATED.**—A. Tregoning, J. Martin, June 1: Stamford Hill Mine: This morning the rise from the back of the 35 fm. level has been hoisted to the shaft from the surface. We have now to square down the shaft and prepare it for the reception of the pump-work to the 46 fm. level, at which point we have been employed fixing the timberwork necessary for the erection of the gear of the small sinking pump, which has been used for sinking this shaft on the underlie of the lode below this level. We have given the greater part of the road remaining to be made to various parts of native, by which we find a very considerable saving of both time and money. We are glad to state that two parts of the boiler (the tube) is at Provest, and we expect the other part will arrive there this evening, which will be brought up to the mine as soon as the road is completed, which, if the May rainy season does not prevent us, will soon be accomplished.

**WHEAL JAMAICA COPPER COMPANY.**—June 10: Mr. Tregoning is now busily engaged in St. Andrew's, making the surveys of Castle James, Cassell, and Mount Woolfrys, belonging to this company. He expects to complete all his work so as to leave here in the next packet for England. The mine agent, Mr. G. B. Nethersole, is at present engaged going over the above properties with Mr. Tregoning, but the sub-agent at Charing Cross writes from that mine, under date June 8, as follows:—The lode in the end of the 65 fm. level north is about 5 ft. wide, of much the same appearance as when first intersected, composed of green and blue carbonates, and occasional spots of copper ore, with a large stream of water issuing from the end. The ground continues favourable for driving. We have driven during the last week 1 fm. 5 ft. The ground in the end of the 65 fm. cross-cut is a little harder for driving, but still intersected throughout with veins of spar and copper ore.

**ELLERSLIE AND BARDOWIE MINING COMPANY.**—June 10: The workings at Salisbury Plain continue to improve. One is now coming down in quantity, and we could ship 50 tons by the Mary Allan, but the committee have not decided whether to use the vessel, or to wait a short time longer, so as to dispatch a much larger shipment. Mr. Tregoning is now at the mine taking his final survey, and his report will be transmitted as soon as received. We could not be going on better.

**RIO GRANDE MINING COMPANY.**—Mr. Tregoning has officially reported on the mining properties of this company; his report is so full and conclusive, that we need only refer to its very interesting and important details, which speak sufficiently for themselves, whilst they are so thoroughly corroborative of everything Mr. Rawkins saw and stated in 1856. These mines are now looked upon as the most promising in Jamaica, and will soon prove their own value. [Mr. Tregoning's report is appended to a prospectus of the Rio Grande Mining Company, advertised in another column of this day's Journal.]

—R. HASTIE WILSON AND CO.: Liverpool, July 6.

## GRYLLS'S ANNUAL MINING SHEET,

FROM JUNE 30, 1857, TO JUNE 30, 1858.

Containing the quantity of copper ore sold from each mine, British and foreign—Average price per 21 cwt., and the amount of money—the average standard, produce, and price for the year, both in Cornwall and Wales—the total amount of ore, fine copper, and money—Each company's purchase—And the particulars of copper ores sold at the Ticketings in Cornwall, from June 30, 1859, to June 30, 1858, both inclusive:—

CORNWALL. Tons ore. Amount. Price.

Agar, Wheal	225	£ 2,96 16 6	26 5 0
Alfred Consols	4193	26,373 2 6	6 6 8
Anna, Wheal	970	5,352 19 6	5 4 0
Arthur, Wheal	760	2,340 0 6	2 13 6
Basset, Wheal	5078	35,481 8 0	7 11 0
Bedford United Mines	2505	13,463 4 6	5 7 6
Boiling Well	887	3,257 3 6	10 11 0
Botallack	829	9,914 6 0	10 17 6
Bray, Wheal	290	475 5 0	2 17 6
Butler, Wheal	6253	31,903 7 0	5 2 0
Cاستل Consols	501	3,286 7 6	6 11 0
Camborne Vein	436	2,215 15 6	5 1 6
Carn Brea	3512	14,327 15 6	4 1 6
Carrack Dews	431	2,696 14 6	6 4 0
Carvannall	365	2,272 12 6	6 14 6
Charlotte, Wheal	543	5,865 8 0	7 2 6
Clifford, Wheal	3465	20,123 1 0	5 16 0
Clyjeh and Worthwo	358	2,122 5 0	5 18 6
Collacombe	1498	8,450 11 0	5 13 0
Comfort, Wheal	269	368 8 0	1 7 6
Condurrow	1349	7,532 11 6	5 12 0
Consols	355	1,706 12 0	4 16 0
Copper Hill	743	4,013 11 6	5 8 0
Craddock Moor	1184	10,641 18 0	9 0 0
Creegbrawse	240	1,047 4 0	4 7 6
Devon and Cornwall	1531	7,923 4 6	5 3 6
Devon and Courtney	156	767 7 0	4 19 6
Devon Buller	299	1,798 4 0	6 0 6
Devon Great Consols	23986	128,133 11 0	5 7 0
Dolcoath	602	2,695 11 6	4 9 6
Duke of Cornwall	1314	4,380 16 0	3 7 0
East Alfred Consols	320	2,555 15 6	7 19 6
East Bassett	282	1,351 10 6	6 18 6
East Pool	1822	8,478 8 0	4 13 0
East Rosewarne	205	1,502 16 0	7 16 6
East Russell	292	2,767 2 0	9 9 6
East Tolgus	379	2,228 18 6	6 3 0
Edward, Wheal	1885	9,110 16 6	5 3 0
Eilen, Wheal	671	3,501 10 0	4 15 6
Emme, Wheal	706	4,459 10 6	6 0 0
Fowey Consols	4541	29,692 8 6	6 10 6
Franco, Wheal	296	1,350 7 0	4 18 0
Friendship, Wheal	1509	14,481 3 0	9 7 0
Gawton Copper Mines	418	1,280 13 0	3 1 6
Gomaberry	864	6,018 17 0	6 19 6
Grambler and St. Aubyn	383	7,568 0	19 5 0
Great Wheal Alfred	275	12,697 7 6	5 8 0
Great Wheal Busy United	3288	9,847 4 0	2 18 0
Great Crimlins	771	3,445 7 6	4 10 6
Great Sheba Consols	711	1,277 17 6	1 16 0
Great South Tolgus	3601	23,019 7 6	6 19 6
Halamanning	410	3,742 5 0	9 2 6
Hington Down	1392	7,835 17 6	5 12 6
Holmehurst	1055	10,199 3 6	9 13 6
Kelly Bray	1265	5,449 0 0	4 6 0
Lady Bertha	254	924 6 0	3 19 0
Levant	1324	6,452 1 6	4 17 6
Margery, Wheal	849	4,227 17 6	4 19 6
Mark Valley	1633	6,233 17 6	3 16 6
Marie Great Consols	176	1,151 17 6	6 11 0
North Bassett	3776	23,138 13 6	6 2 6
North Wheal Busy	188	1,292 18 6	6 8 0
North Crudy	679	3,504 2 0	5 3 0
North Frances	151	1,021 16 0	6 15 6
North Pool	691	3,260 10 6	4 17 6
North Wheal Robert	1278	8,319 0 6	6 11 0
North Roscar	2471	16,629 19 6	6 12 6
Okel Tor	166	308 7 0	1 17 0
Par Consols	3753	33,684 10 0	8 19 0
Pembroke and East Crimlins	882	4,291 9 0	4 17 0
Perran St. George	456	1,458 10 6	3 0 0
Phoenix Mines	5093	27,375 3 6	5 7 6
Rosewarne United Mines	1052	7,095 4 0	6 17 0
Rosewarne Consols	151	477 0 0	3 3 0
Russell, Wheal	282	588 2 0	3 1 0
Seton, Wheal	2408	12,717 17 6	5 5 6
Sorridge Consols	914	6,023 3 0	6 12 0
South Bedford	4		

## Mining Correspondence.

## BRITISH MINES.

**ABBEY CONSOLS.**—J. Trewin, July 5: The lode at the engine-shaft is composed of quartz and blende, producing a little lead. The lode in the 10, east of the engine-shaft, is yielding some saving work for lead; the lode in the rise, in back of this level, is worth 6 cwt. of lead per fm.; and the stopes are yielding 7 cwt. of lead per fm. The lode in the 10, west of engine-shaft, is producing a little lead, and is presenting a more favourable appearance. The lode in the winze sinking below the adit, west of engine-shaft, is yielding about 4 cwt. of lead per fm., and more promising. The stopes in back of the adit, west of said shaft, are worth 8 cwt. of lead per fm. The lode in the 10 end, west of the eastern shaft, has met with no particular change since last reported; the stopes in back of this level are worth 10 cwt. of lead per fm. No change to notice in the winze in bottom of the adit, west of the eastern shaft, during the past week.

**ALFRED CONSOLS.**—T. Trelease, T. Hoaking, July 7: No alteration in the lode in Field's engine-shaft, sinking below the 160, since our last report. The north lode in the 140, west of the flockan, is about 1 ft. wide, containing good stones of ore, but not to value; this lode in the said level, east of the flockan, is worth 10d. per fathom. We have intersected the north part of the main lode in the cross-cut south at this level, and cut into it about 2 ft.; this part of the lode, so far as seen, is composed chiefly of spar and capes, producing stones of ore. The main lode in Davey's engine-shaft, sinking below the 120, is much the same as last reported; this lode in the 120, east of said shaft, is 3 ft. wide, unproductive; this lode, in the N. 1. winze, sinking below the 110, is worth 25d. per fathom; this lode, in the 110, is worth 15d. per fathom. The south branch in this level, east of said shaft, is worth 12d. per fathom; this branch in the 100, east of said shaft, is worth 5d. per fathom. The north lode in the 70, east of the flockan, is 3 ft. wide, producing some very good stones of ore. All our other operations are much the same as for some time past.

**ASHBURTON UNITED.**—Wm. Hoaking, July 8: During the past week, we have been engaged at Totnes in unloading the engine and other machinery from the vessel, and have brought the greatest part of the same to the mine. The engine-house is now completed, and the masons will finish the stack in a day or two, when they will commence building the boiler-house as fast as possible. The engineers will also commence fixing the engine at once. We have completed opening and securing with timber Parry's engine-shaft, and divided and cased down the same, fixed ladder-road, &c., from surface to adit, a depth of 22 fms., and have also erected a horse-whin at this shaft, and commenced drawing with the same. We shall now get on in clearing the adit level west of this shaft as quickly as possible. I have this afternoon sampled a good lode of tin, which is apparently going down in whole ground. I have this morning sampled a few tons broken from this pitch, which produces nearly 2 cwt. of black tin per ton of stuff. The tribute pitches in the other parts of the mine continue to turn out well. We are getting on as fast as possible in clearing the cross-cut adit to Brother's copper mine, and hope to get in on the course of the lode by the middle of next week. We shall commence trammimg the tinstuff from Teague's shaft to the stamps on the new incline road at once. We should have begun about this before, but have been waiting for the chain from Cornwall to work it with. Our carpenters are rapidly progressing with the erection of the new 12 heads of stamps. I am pushing on all the different works throughout the mine as much as possible, and on the strictest consistent scale of economy.

**BALLYMONEEEN.**—W. Barkis, July 3: The winze sinking below the 15 is without any change worthy of notice, still producing a little sulphur; sunk since last report 3 ft. total, 6 fms. 5 ft. I hope to have the adit level west secured by about Tuesday, and put the men to drive. In driving the adit level east we have stones of sulphur; driven since last report 3 fms. total, 34 fms. 6 ft. 3 in.

**BALLYVIRGIN.**—D. Macdonald, R. Fellow, July 1: We have put to pile, since last report, 3 tons of lead, 2 tons of copper, and 25 tons of muntic, and are still very short of water for dressing purposes.

**BARE.**—W. Mitchell, July 7: The ground in the cross-cut is spotted throughout with copper ore; we are anxiously looking forward to cutting the lode, which will give us 1000 ft. of ground to stop away. In the old workings we have a good branch of lead, and have a large piece of unwrought ground, from which we are breaking fine lumps of solid lead. We shall prove the new lode by the time you arrive at the mine. All is at present going on well.

**BEDFORD CONSOLS.**—J. Mitchell, July 8: During the past week, the sumpmen have been engaged in looking up the pitwork and rod, &c., from the engine-shaft, and are now engaged fixing bed-plate in the same, which will be completed by the latter part of the week, when the sinking of the shaft will be resumed. The shallow adit level has been re-dialed by Capt. Davy, and I find the level is not sufficiently advanced to commence rising against the shaft; the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of spar, gossan, and a little black copper ore; this level is driving by six men, at 6d. per fm. In the middle adit level there is not sufficient air at present for six men, the dry weather having very materially decreased the water supplying the waterfalls; the end is now driving by six men, at 9d. per fm.; the lode is 3 ft. wide, composed of quartz, capel, muntic, and a little copper ore.

**BEDFORD UNITED.**—Jas. Phillips, July 6: The lode in the 130 east is 3 ft. wide, worth from 2 to 3 tons of ore per fm.; the stopes in bottom of this level are yielding as follows:—Paul's stopes, 5 tons; Huggins', 6 tons; and Jackson's, 6 tons per fm. The lode in the 115 west is 2 ft. wide, worth from 2 to 3 tons per fm. The lode in the 103 west is 2 ft. wide, worth 3 tons per fm. Warne's stopes, in the bottom of this level, will yield from 3 to 4 tons per fm. The lode in the 47 east is 2 ft. wide, producing good stones of ore. The lode in the 35 east is 2 ft. wide, composed of gossan, spar, and ore, and yielding a little saving work, a very promising lode. No alteration in any other part.

**BOILING WELL.**—J. Delbridge, July 3: In the engine-shaft, sinking below the 60, the lode is from 3½ to 4 ft. wide, stones of ore. In the 60 west the lode is 2 ft. wide, stones of blende and lead. In the 60, east of King's, the lode is 4 wide, stones of ore, not to value. In the 50, east of King's, the lode is 9 in. wide, good branch of blende and lead. In the winze sinking below the 40 the lode is 9 in. wide, good tribute ground. In this winze we have the south part of the lode which was met with south of Austin's, which is promising to open up some good ground. In the 40 cross-cut, south of Austin's, the ground is favourable, and getting wet. In the 20, west of Austin's, the lode is 1½ ft. wide, yielding some good lead, but not tribute ground. In Austin's shaft we have completed as deep as the 20; we find the ground hard for breaking, and afterwards completed to timber the shaft, consequently it takes up our time; from this day we shall put twelve men in the shaft and urge it down with all speed. The engineers are getting on in the engine as fast as is required to do the work well; we are urging the fixing of the engine with all possible speed.

**BRONFLOYD.**—M. Barber, July 6: Setting for July: To stop back of deep adit, on south lode, east and west of James's rise, by six men, 10 fms. or the month, at 2d. 10s. per fm., yielding ½ ton of ore per fm. To take down south lode in deep adit, west of No. 2 shaft, for 6 ft. wide, by two men, at 4d. 10s.; this part of the lode will also yield ½ ton of ore per fm. The 17 on the south lode, east of the cross-cut, by two men, 2 fms., or the month, at 4d. 10s., the lode yielding ½ ton of ore per fm.; the same level west by two men, 2 fms., or the month, at 4d. 10s. per fm.; the lode here contains a little ore, but is not rich at present. To stop back of this level, also west of cross-cut, by four men, 6 fms. or the month, at 2d. 10s. per fm.; the lode on an average yielding 1 ton of ore per fm.; to stop same level east of cross-cut by four men, 6 fms. or the month, at 2d. 10s. per fm., yielding ½ ton per fm. To drive the 17, west of No. 2 shaft, forward on north lode by two men, 1 fm., at 6d. per fm.; the lode contains a fair mixture of ore, and is opening out stopping ground. The new adit had been previously set to six men, for 20 fms. certain, at 3d. 10s. per fm. Our dressing operations are proceeding favourably.

**BRYNTAIL.**—J. Roach, July 8: The 10, driving east of No. 6 cross-cut, on the north part of Bryntail lode, during the past week, produced small cubes of lead ore, also a mixture of the latter. The most productive part of the lode has in the last three or four days at this point the indications are very encouraging. The winze sinking under the 10 is now producing from 7 to 8 cwt. of ore per fm., and the same level west by two men, 2 fms., or the month, at 4d. 10s. per fm.; the lode here contains a little ore, but is not rich at present. To stop back of this level, also west of cross-cut, by four men, 6 fms. or the month, at 2d. 10s. per fm.; the lode on an average yielding 1 ton of ore per fm.; to stop same level east of cross-cut by four men, 6 fms. or the month, at 2d. 10s. per fm., yielding ½ ton per fm.

**CARDBIGAN CONSOLS.**—J. Sanders, July 5: The 20 west is a little improved; the part of the lode now being carried in the end is producing a little lead ore, but not sufficient to value as yet. The 10 west is much the same as last reported, yielding stones of ore occasionally; the winze sinking below the 10 is in grey ground, yielding ½ ton per fm. There is no change to notice in the tribute pitches. We have some ore at surface, and commenced dressing.

**CARMARTHEN UNITED.**—Thos. Williams, R. Sanders, July 8: The shaftmen are getting on with fixing lift, &c., as fast as possible. The ground in the cross-cut is still hard, consequently the progress is slow; the north end is just as last reported.

**CARVANNAWLL.**—Wm. Roberts, July 6: Tutwork Setting: The 130 to drive west by six men, at 3d. 10s. per fm.; lode 2 ft. wide, producing a little ore. A rise in back of the 114 by four men, at 3d. 10s.; lode 1 ft. wide, chiefly muntic. The 76 west by four men, and the 86 west by four men; the last two bargains are not set, as the men are employed securing a winze lately hoisted from the 76 to the 86.

**CARVATH UNITED.**—R. Hancock, July 5: The stopes in the 40, and the different other levels, are so fallen off in quality that it will not pay for taking away, so that we have been obliged to stop the men from stopping these levels. There are two objects in view—that is, to drive the 50 on the course of the lode, to get under the run of the ground which is gone down below the 40, to see whether the lode will improve or not in quality: I believe it will take one or two months to do this work. The second is to drive on the cross-cut in the 20, to cut the north lode as soon as possible; the water is falling from this end, and is just as last reported: it is still in good ground for driving. To carry out these works it will cost about 120/- or 130/- per month. If this shoot of tin in the 40 does not hold down, I shall recommend you to draw up the pumpwork from the 50 to the 20, and keep the water there, and drive on the cross-cut north to see the north lode; by drawing the pitwork up, it will save a great deal of expense in working the engine.

**CASTELL.**—F. Evans, July 6: In driving the 10 cross-cut south we are continually meeting with blende, some of them from 2 to 3 in. wide, rich for blende and spots of lead. We are breaking some good blende in the eastern ground, where there are two men breaking down lode No. 8, to ascertain its size, &c.; it is composed of a nice spar,

with blende and lead scattered through it; this lode we expect to meet with in the cross-cut in the 10 in a little more driving.

**CATHERINE AND JANE CONSOLS.**—R. Harry, July 7: The lode in the deep adit end is 1 ft. wide, composed principally of soft spar, sulphur, blende, and lead, producing of the latter 3 cwt. per fathom. The lode in the stopes north-west of No. 4 winze is 15 in. wide, looking very promising, and producing at present 5 cwt. of good ore per fathom. In the stopes north-west of the rise the lode is worth 8 cwt. of ore per fathom. The lode in the stopes south-east of No. 3 winze is 6 ft. wide, yielding about 24 cwt. of ore per fathom. The stopes in the cross branch is still looking well, and continues to yield from 13 to 14 cwt. of ore per fathom. We sampled on Saturday last 10 tons of good quality ore, which was shipped for Holywell the same day.

**CLYDE AND WENTWORTH.**—C. Glasson, July 5: In consequence of the lode in Walter's engine-shaft, in the 90, on Wentworth lode, not having made such a change as was expected, we think it best to sink to the 100 before we commence driving east and west of said shaft. We have seen nothing worthy of notice in either of the cross-cuts since last reported. There is no alteration in the levels on the course of the lode since our last. The tin and copper pitches, on the whole, are much the same as when last reported on.

**COLLACOMBE.**—S. Mitchell, July 5: During the last week there has been no alteration in this mine to notice.

**CWM SEBON.**—J. Boundy, July 5: There is no change to notice in the 70 ends since the last report. The lode in the 60 end east is still disordered by a cross-course. There has been a little increase of water in the winze sinking below the 60; the lode continues in size, and has a very promising appearance. No. 1 stopes has improved, now worth 15 cwt. of lead per fm. The tribute department is as usual. All other points are without change to notice. The casing and dividing of the engine-shaft below the 60 to the 70 fm. level has been completed. The dressing is progressing, and the machinery working well.

**DALE.**—R. Nixes, July 5: I expect to sample 12 tons of lead by the end of this month. The lode in the end going south, in the bottom of the winze sunk below the 13, is worth 15 cwt. of lead to the fathom. The stopes in back of the 20, on Johnson's, are worth 1 ton 10 cwt., and the rise in the same place is worth 20 cwt. The lode in the 20 east is rather disordered, but is yielding good stones of ore. The 26, going north towards the Llyn, in now a huckle-saddle—i.e., the ridge of the saddle—which is good indication, although the ground is very hard for driving. The winze sinking below the 13 is going down as fast as can be expected.

**DEVON AND CORNWALL UNITED.**—Thos. Neill, July 6: The stopes in back of the 40 level continue to yield from 8 to 10 tons of ore per fm. The lode in the middle level end is very promising, and producing good stones of ore. The lode at Williton and Middlemoor to look well, and no time shall be lost in sinking the new shaft to the west of this level. No other alteration to report on.

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## INTERESTING AND SUCCESSFUL COLLIERY OPERATIONS.

## OPENING OF THE GREAT INCE BELT COAL AND CANAL FIELD.

Probably the most extraordinary event in the history of coal mining in the neighbourhood of Wigan is the first opening of the Great Ince Belt Canal Field, in the mines belonging to Messrs. Case and Morris, and called the Cannel and King Coal Mines or Seams. In this and the adjacent collieries within the same coal field, there is a distinct series of mines, including the Seven-feet, the Pemberton Four and Five-feet, and others; while at the depth of about 600 yards lies the canal, underneath which is the "king coal," and lower still the other mines of the same series. On Saturday week, Mr. Bryham, the enterprising manager to the firm, had the satisfaction of seeing the canal at 250 yards from the surface, and he also had the still greater satisfaction of proving it to be upwards of 3 ft. thick, and of an excellent quality. In sinking the shaft to this great depth no water has been found, with the exception of a small quantity of a saline nature, which ceded from the strata, just before the canal was reached. This pit is, we believe, the deepest in England with the exception of one now sinking at Duffield, which is rather more than 600 yards; but, should this pit sink to the lower seams, of course its depth, which would be than 820 yards, would far exceed that of any existing shaft. The deepest pit of the Ince Hall Company is the Arley Mine, about 414 yards, and the Kirkless Hall pit is 300 yards. Messrs. Case and Morris had been for some time working the Pemberton Four-feet Mine at the depth of 300 yards, and at that distance from the surface they erected an engine, for the purpose of sinking to the canal, which operation was commenced about ten months since, so that the progression has been at the rate of 30 yards per month. Both the upcast and downcast shafts have been driven simultaneously, the one being 12 ft. and the other 10 ft. in diameter. Communications have also been established at intervals, for the purpose of supplying the sinkers with air.

This gigantic operation may be safely termed unparalleled in the history of coal mines, and the opening of the Ince Belt a valuable discovery, not only intrinsically, but also as being the means of solving various problems connected with the science of mining, the indication of successive seams, as they appear upon boring to one-third of a mile below the surface of the earth. The pit is a lasting proof of the success which always attends unflagging perseverance when guided by science, and it is very likely that a still further depth will be reached, after the present seams of canal and "king coal" have been in some measure exhausted, considerable interest must attach to the result attendant upon the exertions of Mr. Bryham, under whose management the works have been carried on almost from the commencement. The "king coal" is expected to be of great thickness, and, if so, its acquisition will be of still greater value as a reward for the labour and expense incurred in sinking the shafts. Throughout the whole distance continuous strata of stone and heavy pyrites have presented themselves, and on considering the progressive operations of blasting, which have enabled the miners to attain this enormous depth, we cannot but be amazed. In sinking the shaft 11 workable seams of coal have been passed through, which in the aggregate are 46 ft. in thickness.

## MEXICAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN MINING COMPANY.—A meeting of shareholders was held last week, for the purpose of considering a proposal made for the purchase of the property of the company in Chili.

Mr. R. P. Harding (the official manager) stated that ever since the date of the winding-up order he had been in communication with parties with a view of disposing of the company's property in Chili, in a manner beneficial to the contributors. Within the last few weeks he had received a communication from Messrs. Healey, Evans, and Co., the bankers of the company in Chili, offering to purchase the company's works, plant, and stock, on the following terms:—For the works, plant, and copper in bottom of Herradura and Caldera, in Chili, 20,000£.; for the steamer, 8000£.; for the stocks of copper ores, coal, bricks, &c., 30,000£., or such sum, more or less, as on valuation the stocks may amount to. By the accounts furnished by the company's agent, Mr. Barnes, to Dec. 31st, after making large allowances for depreciation, that gentleman estimated the company's property at that date as follows:—Stock of ores, &c., 45,000£.; Herradura works, 54,000£.; total, 99,000£.; but those figures were nothing like the amount at which they stood in the company's books; the Herradura and Caldera works, £10,000, &c., having cost the company between 117,000£. and 118,000£. Messrs. Healey, who now offered to purchase, on behalf of themselves and others, were, at the date of the winding-up order, creditors to the company for 88,000£., for which they held bills against proceeds of copper then afloat, and since realised to the extent of 60,000£., leaving due to them 28,000£., for which a charge upon the company's property had been executed to them, and under which, according to the Chilean law, they were entitled to proceed to sale, and if they did so a great sacrifice would be the result. Messrs. Huth, Grunig, and Co., had also a very large claim upon the company, for which they held similar security. He (Mr. Harding) had arranged with Messrs. Healey not to proceed to a forced sale, but to wait, in order to afford an opportunity of disposing of the property more advantageously. The object of the present meeting was to take the sense, and ascertain the views, of the contributors, whether they thought it expedient to sell at the price offered or not. He did not mean to say that it was the value of the property, but from its peculiar character, and the distance at which it was situated, they must consider whether a larger offer could be obtained. If it were accepted, the deficiency to be met would be 110,000£., assuming all the creditors' claims to be sustained, against many of which, amounting to about 60,000£., great objection had been raised, and on which the opinion of the Court would be taken. He must, however, inform the shareholders, that for all those debts so claimed against the company, it appeared the company had obtained the money; and what the result of resisting the claims would be he could not tell. The Copiapo Company had some time back offered 15,000£. for the Caldera works, and, probably, at that time 16,000£., might have been obtained, but they had since erected works for themselves. The Chairman said it would be satisfactory to the meeting to hear some statement of the liabilities of the company.—Mr. Harding replied, that the claims in dispute upon loans, bills, &c., amounted to from 60,000£. to 65,000£., of which Messrs. Barclay held some, Messrs. Cotton and Trueman 20,000£. worth, and which would be tried by Barclay's case, now before the Rolls' Court, while the claims for goods, &c., which were already decided upon, amounted to about 45,000£., so that at once, at all events, must be met. There was also a claim by Mr. Schneider for 5000£. The liabilities in Chili were 100,000£. at the time of the winding-up; Messrs. Healey's claim had since, however, been greatly reduced, and there were few other local liabilities; and, according to calculation at the present time, if the 50,000£. were accepted, there would be a balance in the contributors' favour from Chili of about 10,000£., after satisfying all claims there. The number of contributors already fixed represented 117,000 shares, of which two-thirds were believed to be good. Several parties had applied to him who were desirous of compromising their liability, but the lowest sum he could name, under present circumstances, was 8£. per share. The Chairman, Mr. Matthew Flower, and Mr. Wilson (of Thomson, Hankey, and Co.) were appointed a committee, with power to add to their number, and the proceedings were adjourned until July 21.

**PRACTICAL MINING—IMPROVEMENTS IN BORING.**—In driving levels and in tunnelling three-fourths of the time is occupied in boring, and the remaining one-fourth in charging and blasting, so that an improvement whereby boring is effected in one-tenth of the time usually required is a desideratum. The engineering difficulties met with in making the great tunnel through the Alps, from Modane to Bardonech, has caused a contrivance to be invented which will be of general utility in mining operations. The crest of the mountain through which the tunnel is to pass being about one mile above the level of the tunnel, the ordinary mode of sinking shafts and commencing from several points simultaneously was out of the question; and as the tunnel could only be worked from the two extremities, it was calculated that it would require 36 years to complete it. To overcome the difficulty, Messrs. Sonnemiller, Grattone, and Grandis, three Sardinian engineers, proposed a peculiar system of perforation and ventilation, in the application of which they avail themselves of the abundance of water which exists in the locality. Their invention consists of an hydraulic air-condenser and a perforating instrument. The condenser is a siphon turned with its orifice upwards, one of which is in communication with a stream of water, and the other with a reservoir of air. The water passes down the first branch, enters the second, and by its pressure condenses the air, which is then forced into the reservoir. By the opening of a valve the water in the siphon is then let out, and the operation recommences. The induction and education valves are worked by a small machine, operating by the force of a column of water, communicating with another reservoir above. A fall of about 24 ft. is sufficient to condense the air to six atmospheres, which is equal to a pressure of nearly 70 ft. of water. The condensed air is used first as a motive power, and then for ventilation. As a motive power it is used to work the perforators, and the mode by which these little machines are worked affords a proof of the possibility of employing compressed air for that purpose with advantage. By this means blast holes may be bored through the hardest veins in 1-12th the time usually taken; and another advantage gained is that 18 perforators may be set to work where there would scarcely be sufficient room for six miners. It is estimated that by these contrivances, combined with machinery for removing the rubbish, &c., the time required for the completion of the undertaking will be reduced from 36 years to 6 years. The rate at which the work is progressing is at present about 6½ ft. per day, 3 ft. 3 in. at each side of the mountain.

**THE CALORIC ENGINE.**—We have already stated that the indefatigable Capt. Ericsson is at last being rewarded for his exertions in proving the applicability of caloric as a motive power. In New York and its vicinity his last engine is daily becoming more in use, many of the most respectable houses already having them in operation, and orders have been executed for other parts of the American continent, especially for California, where it is expected, from the reception which it has met with, the caloric engine will, to a great extent, supersede the windmills and hand labour employed. It appears, however, that the use of the engine is not to be confined to the United States, since a caloric engine has just been shipped by Captain Ericsson to the Pasha of Egypt, who intends to use it for irrigating some of his ornamental grounds. Its power has been tested and proved ample to raise 1000 gallons of water per hour 120 ft. high, and at a slightly reduced speed the water can be raised to 160 ft. These engines are very economic, simple, and compact; that made for the Pasha is 6 ft. in length, and will run at a cost of considerably less than one penny per hour. Where a small amount of cheap motive power is required this engine is unsurpassed, and will, no doubt, ere long be introduced into Europe.

[The following mine reports reached us too late for insertion in their proper place:—]

**PROVIDENCE MINES.**—A. Anthony, July 7: The lode in the 125, west of Higgs's shaft, is 18 in. wide, but poor. The lode in the 25 end, east of Higgs's shaft, is 3 ft. wide, worth 35£. per fathom. The lode in back of the 75, east of Higgs's shaft, is 3 feet wide, worth 35£. per fathom. The stopes under this pitch are 4 feet wide, worth 60£. per fathom. The lode in the 75 is 4 ft. wide, worth 15£. per fathom. The lode in the bottom of the 65, east of Higgs's shaft, is 3 ft. wide, worth 4£. per fathom. The lode in the bottom of the 65, east of Comfort lode, on a limb of the carbons, is 18 in. wide, worth 6£. per fathom. The stopes in bottom of the old carbons are 2 ft. wide, worth 6£. per fathom. The lode at Dunstan's shaft, sinking under the 25, is 18 in. wide, worth 6£. per fathom. The lode in the 35, east of Dunstan's shaft, is 18 in. wide, worth 35£. per fathom. The lode in the 24, east of same shaft, is 18 in. wide, worth 5£. per fathom. After a long search we have discovered a branch going south in our 75 fm. level, just opposite the lode, and from its appearance we have reason to believe it will lead to something good, as in its character it bears the closest relation to branches before discovered, which have led to our rich bunches of tin; at present it is producing some rich work.

**WHEAL MARGERY.**—J. Tregoning, July 8: American Shaft: The sumpmen are engaged at present in cutting plat, &c., in the 80. In the 70 the lode is 1½ ft. wide, worth 4£. per fm. In the 70 west the lode is 2½ ft. wide, worth 16£. per fm.; the rise in back of this level, against the wine, is worth 12£. per fm. The 60 east is poor at present, lode small. In the 50 east the lode is 2 feet wide, producing good stones of ore, but not to value. In the 20 west the lode is 1 ft. wide, worth 6£. per fm. No. 1 wine, below the 60 west, is poor. No. 2 wine is worth 5£. per fm. No. 4 wine, below the 50 west, nothing to value.—Wellesley's Engine-shaft: We have recently commenced sinking this shaft below the 60; the lode is 2 feet wide, worth 12£. per fm. In the 60, west of Wellesley's, lode 2 feet wide, and worth 12£. per fm. Tributaries, both on tin and copper, getting fair wages.]

**GLASGOW, JULY 8.**—During the week our market for pig-iron has con-

## The Mining Market; Prices of Metals, Ores, &amp;c.

## METAL MARKET—LONDON, JULY 9, 1858.

COPPER.	£ s. d.	BRASS.	Per lb.
Copper wire .....	0 1 1½-1 2	Sheets .....	10½d.-11½d.
ditto tubes .....	0 1 2½-1 2½	Wire .....	10½d.-11d.
Sheathing & bolts ..	0 1 4	Tubes .....	12½d.-13d.
Bottoms .....	0 1 6½-1 1		
Old (Exchange) .....	0 0 16½	FOREIGN STEEL.	Per Ton.
Best selected .....	0, p. ton 110	Swedish, in kegs (rolled) 15 0 0-19 0 0	
Ditto, to arrive .....	6 15 0-7 0 0	" (hammered) 15 0 0-21 0 0	
Nail rods .....	7 15 0	Ditto, in faggots .....	23 0 0-
" Stafford in London .....	8 0 0-9 0 0	English, Spring .....	18 0 0-23 0 0
Brass, ditto .....	8 10 0-9 10 0	QUICKSILVER .....	0 1 11-2 0
Hoops ditto .....	9 10 0-13 15 0		
Sheets, single .....	10 0 0-10 10 0		
Pig, No. 1, in Wales .....	3 15 0 4 15 0		
Ditto, forge .....	4 10 0 5 5 0		
Staffordshire Forge Pig .....	4 10 0 5 5 0		
Welsh Forge Pig .....	3 0 0 3 5 0		
LEAD.			
Iron .....	2 13 0-2 15 0	TIN-PLATES.	Per Ton.
Ditto sheet .....	2 15 0-2 15 0	IC Charcoal, 1st qua. p. box .....	13 0 0-15 0 0
Ditto red lead .....	24 0 0-24 5 0	IC Ditto 1st quality .....	11 9 0-12 1 0
Ditto white .....	27 0 0-30 0 0	IC Dito 2d quality .....	11 0 0-12 2 0
Ditto patent shot .....	25 0 0-25 10 0	IX Dito 2d quality .....	11 7 0-13 8 0
Spanish .....	21 10 0-	IC Coke .....	1 6 0-1 7 0
American .....	none	IX Dito .....	1 12 0 0-1 13 0
		Canada plates .....	10 15 0 0-15 0 0
		In London .....	20s. less at the works.
English Pig .....	21 10 0-22 10 0	Yellow Metal Sheathing .....	p. lb. 10d.-
Ditto sheet .....	22 15 0-	Wetterstedt's Pat. Met. .....	p. cwt. 2 2 0
Ditto red lead .....	24 0 0-24 5 0	Indian Charcoal Pigs .....	— 7 10 0
Ditto white .....	27 0 0-30 0 0	In London .....	— 7 10 0
Ditto patent shot .....	25 0 0-25 10 0		
Spanish .....	21 10 0-		
American .....	none		

\* At the works, 1s. to 1s. 6d. per box less.

**REMARKS.**—During the past week our market has preserved an even course; the demand for most metals has continued limited, and prices have scarcely undergone any variation. At the present moment there appears to be no spirit of enterprise, the account of the markets abroad being anything but flattering. Shippers are, consequently, discouraged in making further consignments, and merchants generally prefer just now confining their business to the narrowest limits, and only execute orders on commission. The home trade is by no means brisk; consumers and dealers buy sparingly, and speculators are not sanguine of any particular improvement in the market; at least not sufficient to justify any extensive purchase.

**COPPER.**—The market exhibits signs of weakness, and smelters are getting short of work. No difficulty is now experienced in buying this metal either in large or small quantities, sellers being more disposed to make a concession for a good order. The fall in the standard, however, influences buyers, and, in the face of gradually lower rates being given for ores, no one is disposed to give out any large contract. Should any further serious decline take place in the price of ores at the next ticketings, it is not improbable that an alteration may be announced in fixed rates of manufacture, &c.

**IRON.**—Rails are but in limited request, and prices may be quoted a shade lower. Specifications for merchant bars are much wanted by iron-masters, and concessions have been made where immediate assortments are demanded. Swedish bars are still offering in the market at 13£. to 16£. according to sizes required. Scotch pigs have mostly ranged about 52s. 3d., mixed numbers, g.m.b., f.o.b. in Glasgow. On "Change a slight improvement.

**LEAD.**—There has been very little doing, and the amount of business transacted has been unimportant, prices having a declining tendency, and sellers eagerly seek offers for English pig, &c.

**SPLETER.**—Our market keeps steady, holders exhibit firmness at 24£., but enquiries are at limits averaging 23£. to 23½. 15s., with buyers lighter. The stock here is heavy, but prices on the other side are rather higher. The steadiness of the market rests more particularly upon the stability of holders here, and it is stated that a large quantity is held by one or two strong houses. Providing, therefore, that advices from Hamburg do not come lower, after a few parcels that are now in dealers' hands are cleared away, it is not unlikely that higher prices may be realised; at the same time, if a few weak holders bear upon the market the price may recede to 23£.

**TIN.**—In English the demand has much improved, consequent on the high price at which the Dutch sale went. The quantity sold at the sale was upwards of 190,000 slabs, averaging in price 68 1-5 ft.; a few lots reached 70 ft. The high figure which it sold for seemed to surprise most of the buyers, and it is generally believed that a very considerable quantity must have been bought by the Dutch houses for speculation. There is no occasion to alter the price of English unless the demand justifies it, which is very unlikely just at present, although several persons, perhaps, may be induced to effect purchases in anticipation of a rise. These purchases, of course, would be simply for stock, or to sell again in our market at a profit. No doubt the speculators will do their best to push up prices, but it will be very difficult to maintain them, even if they do succeed in their object. The English smelters would do well to consider the effect that a rise would have in the market before they attempt such a step; while business is afloat it would be better to secure it at present prices than allow buyers to supply themselves with Banca, for the instant that advanced rates are quoted there will be an immense quantity offered for sale everywhere. Straits has been sold for cash at 117£.; holders now ask higher prices.

**TIN-PLATES.**—Makers are open for orders at previous quotations.

**STEEL.**—No further transactions in Swedish keg have become known.

**QUICKSILVER** maintains its position, and no attempt is made to obtain enhanced prices.

**LIVERPOOL, JULY 8.**—Our metal market still presents but little worthy of notice. Manufactured iron continues to be only in limited demand, although, if anything, there are rather more orders in hand from the Continent, and also for the Australian markets. Prices are nominally without change. Scotch pig-iron has been but sparingly enquired for, either for export or for speculation, and prices have scarcely altered since last week's report. The shipments are 9603 tons, against 6740 tons for the corresponding week of last year. The Dutch sales of tin having resulted in somewhat better prices than were expected, the feeling with respect to prices is decidedly favourable to a rise, and it is a question whether smelters will now take orders for any considerable quantity at present rates. Tin-plates in consequence are held more firmly, and, in some instances, prices are now refused which would have been accepted a few days ago. In copper there is but a limited business doing. Parcels in second hands are still to be obtained under current quotations; there is, however, no pressure to sell. Lead shows no change; demand quiet. The following are the quotations:—Iron: Merchant bar, 6£. 10s. to 6£. 15s. per ton.—Tin: Common block, 118£. per ton; common bar, 119£.; refined block, 121£.—Tin-plates: Charcoal, 1C, 31s. to 31s. 6d. per box; coke, 1C, 25s. to 25s. 6d.—Lead: English sheet, 23£. 10s. per ton; English pig, 21£.—Copper: Cake and tile, 107. 10s. per ton; best selected, 110. 10s. per ton; sheathing and bolt, 1s. per lb.—Yellow metal sheathing, 10d. per lb.—Steel: Blistered, 30£. to 40£. per ton; spring, 18£. to 24£.; cast and shear, 50£. to 60£. per ton.

**GLASGOW, JULY 8.**—During the week our market for pig-iron has continued quiet, and prices have remained unaltered. A considerable business has been done in manufacturers' warrants at 52s. 3d., cash prompt, and we closed this afternoon with buyers at that price. Shipments are slightly falling off, and the next two months will likely show an addition to our present large stock. No. 1, g.m.b., 51s. 6d.; No. 3, 51s.; No. 1, Gartsherrie, 58s. per ton.

**NEW YORK, JUNE 23.**—The Metal Market does not yet show any material improvement. The stock of new sheathing is light, and holders are firm at 26½c.; yellow metal remains steady, and old is without change. The iron market is dull, and prices of Scotch pig are barely maintained; in bars there is nothing doing. Lead quotations are, in the absence of business, merely nominal. For tin-plates there is a little more enquiry. In zinc, 50 casks Mosselmann has been done at 8½c., six months.

relied on as a favourable symptom. Several inferior rallies in prices of shares in the London market from time to time have displayed indications to again embark in mining when confidence shall have been restored; we mean when confidence in public affairs shall become more settled; then we may expect to see securities of this nature in the ascendant, particularly during the late trying panic none stood so well in public estimation, or produced so great or so regular dividends on the capital invested. With plenty of money waiting for profitable employment, with every prospect of an early and bountiful harvest, we should not be at all surprised at a reaction from the present and late apathy to be announced at any day; we perceive symptoms of it already, and hope ere many weeks are over to be the herald of a great and lasting improvement in British mining stocks.

At Redruth Ticketing, on Thursday, 3873 tons of ore were sold, realising 21,294. 10s. The particulars of the sale were—Average standard, 121L 4s.; average produce, 6s.; average price, 5L 10s.; quantity of fine copper, 263 tons 12 cwt. The particulars of the sales during the past month have been:—

Date.	Tons.	Produce.	Standard.	Price per ton.	Ore copper.
July 10 ...	4461	6s.	121L 17 0	£5 11 6	286 6 0
17 ...	4746	5s.	129 9 0	4 14 0	81 4 0
24 ...	2472	6s.	125 5 0	5 7 8	82 16 0
July 1 ...	3489	6s.	123 7 0	5 8 6	82 9 0
8 ...	3873	6s.	121 4 0	5 10 0	80 16 0

Compared with last week's sale, the standard has declined 1L 16s., and the price per ton of ore 2s. 7d. Compared with the corresponding sale of last month, the standard has declined 5L 2s., and the price per ton of ore 5s. 7d. There will be no ticketing in Cornwall on Thursday next.

At Swansea, on Tuesday, 2605 tons of copper ore realised 28,577. 8s., of which the Cobre Mines had 506 tons, and 6082L 4s.; Cuba, 436 tons, 5132. 18s. 6d.; Berehaven, 429 tons, 3531. 3s. 2d.; Knockmahan, 306 tons, 1326. 2s.; Parys, 254 tons, 882. 13s. The next sale, July 20, will be 2027 tons, from Cobre, Knockmahan, Berehaven, Namaqualand, &c.

At Liverpool, on Monday, Messrs. Hastings, Andrew, and Co., will sample 45 tons of copper ore, in three parcels, for sale on 28th inst.:—17 tons per Ashley Down; 7 tons Marie Josephine; and 21 tons George and Alps.

At South Wheal Frances meeting, on Monday, the accounts showed—Ores sold, April and May, 68,000. 17s. 6d.; tin, 131L 19s. 9d. = 63,932. 17s. 5d.—Mine cost, April, 352. 7s. 11d.; merchants' bills, 519. 2s. 5d.; dues, 462. 3s. 10d.; rates, 13L 7s. 7d. The profit on the two months was 3744. 17s. 6d., and the credit, last month, 640. 14s.; leaving balance in favour of adventurers, 4385. 11s. 6d. A dividend of 3472. (7s. per share) was declared. Capts. W. Pascoe, J. Prisk, and H. Bennett reported that in the tribute department they had 38 pitches, working at 6s. 1d. in.

At Grambler and St. Aubyn meeting, on Tuesday, the accounts showed—Balance last audit, 76L 12s. 3d.; ore sold, 1892. 10s. 5d. = 14697. 3s. Mine cost April, 352. 7s. 11d.; May, 321. 0s. 11d.; merchants' bills, 519. 2s. 5d.; dues, 462. 3s. 10d.; rates, 13L 7s. 7d. The profit on the two months was 5201. 18s. 9d. Capts. John Davey and John Mitchell reported that the pitches are still looking very fair.

At the Vale of Towy Mine meeting, on Thursday (Mr. T. Field in the chair), the accounts showed a balance in favour of adventurers of 1641. 5s. 6d. A dividend of 1000. (1s. per share) was declared. The proceedings, which are reported in another column, terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

At Tolvadden Mine meeting, the accounts for March and April showed—Balance last audit, 1627. 12s. 4d.; mine cost, 655. 15s. 5d.; merchants' bills, 320. 1s. 9d. = 2698. 6s. 11d.—Sales of copper ores (less 1s-18d lord's dues), 2077. 3s. 2d.; old iron (at 5s. 6d. per cwt.), 11. 7s. 6d.; leaving balance against adventurers, 529. 16s. 3d. Capt. F. Gundry and E. Johns report that the stoves and pitches are looking very favorable. They sold 275 tons of copper ore on Thursday, which realised 2153s.

At Trumpet Consols Mine meeting, June 30, the accounts showed—Balance last audit, 1482. 1s. 10d.; mine cost, Jan. to March, 1694. 1s. 4d.; merchants' bills, 341. 1s. 9d. = 2876. 6s. 11d.—Call received, 301. 1s. ore sold, 1734. 2s. 2d.; leaving balance against adventurers, 863. 4s. 8d. Captain E. Kendall and H. Dunston reported that the stoves and pitches are looking very favorable.

At Wheal Valves meeting, June 30, the accounts showed—Balance last audit, 118. 1s. 10d.; mine cost, Jan. to March, 1694. 1s. 4d.; merchants' bills, 341. 1s. 9d. = 2876. 6s. 11d.—Call received, 301. 1s. ore sold, 1734. 2s. 2d.; leaving balance against adventurers, 863. 4s. 8d. Captain E. Kendall and H. Dunston reported that the stoves and pitches are looking very favorable.

At Wheal Treaynay meeting, on Tuesday, it was resolved that Messrs. T. Field, and Hayley and Co., with the purser, be appointed a committee for the general purposes of the mine, and that they be authorised to negotiate with the adventurers in the adjourned mine as to the future draining of the water.

At South Wheal Ellen meeting, on Tuesday, the accounts showed—Mine cost, April, 235. 17s. 5d.; May ditto, 264. 18s. 1d.; merchants' bills, 450. 6s. 8d. = 931. 1s. 9d.—Balance last audit, 31. 5s. 5d.; copper ores sold, 319. 7s. 3d.; rent received, 47. 1s.; leaving balance against adventurers, 624. 9s. A call of 10s. per share was made. The purser stated that the call, with the returns of ore, would enable him to go on for four months, and that with a little improvement in the western ground he hoped to do so and work the mine effectually without another call. The total arrears of call do not exceed 60s., and all the merchants' bills were paid, except the small sum of 62s. 6s. 7d. The agent reported that the mine was looking better for some time past, and the next sampling would be about 130 tons.

At Oola Silver-Lead and Copper Mining Company meeting, on Monday (Mr. E. J. Wilson in the chair), it was resolved that a copy of Mr. Wordsworth's opinion should be circulated among the shareholders, and that a special meeting be convened, for the purpose of considering the propriety of taking steps for winding-up and reconstituting the company—that at the next meeting Capt. Champion should be requested to furnish all bills, and a full report of the present and future prospects of the mine.

At West Par Consols Mining Company meeting, on Tuesday (Mr. S. W. Danvers in the chair), the accounts showed—Balance of cash in favour of the adventurers, 1671. 11s. 9d. A call of 1s. per share was made. The proceedings, which are fully reported in another column, terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

At New Crow Hill Mines meeting on Monday (Mr. J. D. Brunton in the chair), three committee members were chosen and an auditor elected. The Union Bank of London was elected as the bankers of the company. A call of 2s. 6d. was made; 1s. 3d. was made payable July 20, and 1s. 5d. payable on September 20; and Mr. William Brown, jun., was elected secretary of the company.

At the Peel River Land and Mineral Company meeting, on Tuesday (Mr. H. Hughes in the chair), the report was adopted, and a dividend declared of 2s. per share, free of income-tax. The total profit for the past year was 10,294., arising chiefly from the success of the pastoral operations, which have produced a return of 32 per cent. upon the capital employed in them. The number of sheep, when compared with preceding years, shows a decrease, the scarcity of eligible stock having prevented the judicious outlay of a sum of 17,000, derived from the previous sale of 762 old ewes. The net income from miners' licenses at the gold fields was 3000.; 5 tons of quartz are about to be sent to Europe to be tested. The working expenses have diminished, and further reductions will be made. Of the 24,500, due from Messrs. Sanderson, Sandeman, and Co., 22,832. remains unpaid, or, after receipt of the dividend on the estate of that firm announced this morning, about 17,000. only. Some conversation took place on the proposed purchase of squatting stations, and it was stated that Mr. Hamilton, the Governor of the Australian Agricultural Company, who is proceeding to the colony, has been requested to survey the Peel River property, and that purchases will be effected in cases where he and the general superintendent may concur upon their advisability.

In the Foreign Share Market, the amount of business transacted during the week has been exceedingly limited. St. John Del Reys and Imperial Brazilians are lower; the former closing at 11½ to 12½, and the latter 1½ to 1¾. Worthings have been dealt in at 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d., and New Grand Turbary of Bodmin, at 2½ to 3; the ordinary annual meeting of the old company will be held on the 31st, but will be merely formal; the progress of the new company has been highly satisfactory lately. On the 27th, the meeting of the Cobre Association will take place, and a director will be elected in the place of Mr. Russell Ellice, resigned. The United Mexican meeting is fixed for the 28th. Santiago is quoted ½ to ¾; but very few transactions have taken place.

From Leeds, our correspondents (Messrs. Gledhill and Co.) state that the mining interest is a little improved this week, and we hope soon to see confidence restored. Great exertions are being made by several of the mines in the northern districts to raise ore, bring it into the market, and make returns to the enterprising shareholders. Let this be once accomplished and carried on, and mining and its varied interests will be looked upon with respect, and received with increased favour by many of those who at present treat it with doubt and distrust. We hope soon to be able to give you a few particulars of some of the mines who accomplish these pleasing results.

Our Sheffield correspondent (Mr. Wilson) reports that the mining share market remains exceedingly quiet, the only business done being Mill Town at 3s. and Prince of Wales at 3½. The quotations are as follow:—Brightside and Froggatt Grove, 3 to 3½; Chapel Dale, 2½ to 3; Cowden Rake, par to ½ prem.; Crafant, 1½ to 1; Mill Town, 2½ to 3; Mill Dam, ½ to par; Eyan, 40 to 43; New Midland, ½ to ¾ prem.; North Derbyshire, ¾ to ½; Peak United, 1 to 1½; Peak Forest, ¾ to 1½; Prince of Wales, ¾ to ½; Wheal Mary Great Consols, 1 to 1½; Winklerley, 1½ to 1¾.

Our Hull correspondent (Messrs. Flint and Co.) report that our market for railway shares has considerably improved during the past week, but the advance has not been fully maintained, and the public do not come in as buyers to any extent.

AUSTRALIA.—A telegram announces the arrival of the *European*, with the Australian May mail, at Malta. The dates are Melbourne, May 16; Sydney, May 11; Adelaide, May 12. A bill to augment the number of members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria had passed through the Lower House. The Government had conditionally contracted for the construction of one of the main trunk lines—from Melbourne to Mount Alexander. The Melbourne and Adelaide line of electric telegraph was completed, but not in operation, or else the dates from Adelaide would have been the same as from Melbourne. The yield of gold was increasing considerably; the first four months of the year give very large excess, as compared with the returns for the same period of 1857. Another gold field, of large extent, had been discovered near the Murray River, on the Sydney side. Money was abundant, and trade much improved at Melbourne. The *European* brings gold dust to the value of 138,108.; and the following ships are advised as having left Port Phillip with the precious metal—the *Shooting Star*, with 41,598 ozs.; *Heather Bell*, with 75,702 ozs.; *Eagle*, 25,945 ozs.; which, including that overdue by the *Royal Charter*, give an aggregate value of 1,254,108. of Australian gold in transit to this country.

The Marseilles portion of the letters may be expected in London on Monday next, the morning of which day the Southampton portion of the outward Australian mail leaves that port. The Southampton portion of the May mail, which is always the bulk of the correspondence, is not anti-

cipated to reach its destination until the 16th, on the evening of which day the Marseilles division of the letters leaves with the outward July mail; so that again on this occasion, as was the case last month, the commercial community and the public will lose the opportunity of replying to their correspondence which comes *via* Southampton. The March London mail did not arrive at Melbourne until May 13, consequently the colonists at Sydney and Adelaide had no opportunity of replying by the present homeward May mail; indeed, the letters had not reached their several ports when the steamer left Melbourne. Truly may it be asked how longer are the interests of commerce, both here and in the colonies, to suffer through this repeated irregularity? We trust some Member of the House of Commons will question the representatives of both the Treasury and the Admiralty as to this matter, which literally has become a mercantile evil, not to be borne in these days of progress. We have repeatedly directed attention to the subject of efficient postal communications *via* Suez, between England and the Australian colonies, and demonstrated the necessity of even fortnightly mails as due to, and indeed necessary for, the great and growing trade and intercourse of these colonies with Europe. A valuable letter on this point appeared in the *Times* of yesterday, from Mr. Edward Wilson, a gentleman well known in Melbourne, whose opinions and views merit the attention of the Home Government, and fully confirm our oft-expressed remonstrances.

SOUTH FRANCES AND WEST BASSET MINES.—It will be recollected that this boundary question was tried at the last Bodmin Assize, and a verdict taken for the plaintiffs (South Frances Mine), with leave reserved to the defendants (the West Bassett Mine) to move for a rule, calling upon the plaintiffs to show cause why the verdict should not be entered for the defendants instead of for the plaintiffs. This rule has been argued and discharged, but the question between the two mines remains unsettled. The West Bassett adventurers have given notice of an appeal against this decision, which will be tried before the 15 judges, and have also commenced an action against the South Frances adventurers, which, in all probability, will be tried at the next Bodmin Assize.

A pamphlet\* has just been published by Mr. BENJAMIN COLEMAN, a gentleman well known and respected in the City, giving the history of an extraordinary case of libel in which he has been engaged, and in which Mr. EDWIN WARD JACKSON, a magistrate of the county of Middlesex, was the defendant. It will, no doubt, be in the recollection of our readers that Mr. COLEMAN charged Mr. JACKSON, some months ago, on two occasions, before the magistrates as being the author of certain anonymous defamatory letters, signed "A City Merchant," and after lengthened investigations the magistrates dismissed the summonses. Mr. JACKSON denied the imputation in the strongest terms, and published "a public denial;" and Mr. COLEMAN was placed by Mr. JACKSON in the unenviable position of being suspected of having written the letters himself; in fact, that was the direct charge of Mr. JACKSON's counsel, "for the purpose of extorting money," &c.

The case appears to have been carried to the Queen's Bench, and from thence by a Rule of Court submitted to arbitration, and decided recently against Mr. JACKSON—the arbitrators awarding Mr. COLEMAN 400L damages, and the costs, amounting to 480L more, thus establishing the charge which the magistrates had dismissed.

We forbear from comment on this singular case, merely contenting ourselves by assuring our readers that the story, as related by Mr. COLEMAN, together with the documentary evidence, and the report of Mr. JACKSON's cross-examination on oath, will fully repay an attentive perusal. We adopt with pleasure, as applicable to the present case, the sentiments recently used by our leading contemporary when commenting on the case of Lady DINORBEN:—

"We have no mercy for persons in the enjoyment of distinctive titles, and a certain social rank, who commit offences against good taste and proper delicacy of feeling, still less when they commit crimes.".... Their temptations are less, and their education is better, and their example is more pernicious than when the offenders are from the common ranks. They are also more amenable to the voice of society than to the whip of the law, and they must submit to point a moral, though they do not adorn a tale."

\* Extraordinary Case of Libel—Benjamin Coleman v. Edwin Ward Jackson. Addressed to the Members of the Stock Exchange, the Magistrates of the County of Middlesex, and the Commercial Community generally.—Reynolds and Co., Old Broad-street.

The return of the Bank of England for the week ending Wednesday, compared with the previous weekly return, showed the following results:—

Circulation issue ..... £31,204,430 Decrease £510,310  
Circulation active ..... 20,957,770 Increase 113,015  
Public deposits ..... 6,994,930 Decrease 400,199  
Other deposits ..... 13,155,645 Decrease 46,323  
Government securities in banking department ..... 10,692,417 Increase 15,454  
Other securities in banking department ..... 16,685,445 Increase 259,756  
Coin and bullion in both departments ..... 17,408,657 Decrease 829,790  
Seven day and other bills ..... 808,527 Increase 41,383  
The rest ..... 3,211,647 Increase 37,544  
Notes in reserve ..... 10,666,680 Decrease 623,325  
Total reserve (notes and coin) in banking department ..... 11,345,887 Decrease 642,095

The Bank's reserve has experienced a further considerable decrease, owing to the increase of a quarter of a million in the "other" securities, coupled with the demands upon the Treasury at this period. Of the decrease of 529,790, in the coin and bullion, a portion probably represents coin withdrawn for the ordinary country payments.—*Daily News*.

The *Gazette* statement of the movement of the precious metals for the week ending Wednesday last gives the following totals:—Imports of gold, 200,483L.; exports of gold, 247,451L.; imports of silver, 57,096L.; exports of silver, 115,042L.

GOLD AND SILVER.—A return of the imports and exports of gold and silver, as laid before the committee of the House of Commons (now sitting), for the past seven years (1851 to close of 1857), produces the following results:—

Imports of gold into Europe from producing countries in seven years, to the end of 1857 ..... £130,000,000  
Imports of Silver ..... 29,870,000 = £159,870,000

Exports of gold beyond Europe ..... £22,500,000  
Exports of silver to India and China ..... 56,670,000 = £79,170,000

Estimated increase to stock of bullion in Europe ..... £80,700,000

MINES (CORNWALL) BILL.—In the House of Commons, last night, the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced a bill to declare and define the respective rights of her Majesty, and of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, to the mines and minerals in or under land lying below high-water mark, within and adjacent to the county of Cornwall, and for other purposes.

SUBMARINE MINES IN CORNWALL.—Some papers relating to the rights of the Queen and the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall in certain mines lying below high-water mark, in and adjacent to the county of Cornwall, were published yesterday. The Lord Chancellor (Cranworth) and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall appealed in Feb., 1856, to Sir John Patten for his opinion on the subject, and Sir John decided that the right to the minerals between high and low-water mark has passed to him, and is vested in the Duke of Cornwall, and that the right to the minerals below low-water mark remains, and is vested in the Crown. A further award was made by Sir J. Patten on Feb. 25, last, to the effect that his decision as to the right of the Crown to submarine minerals was intended to apply only to the open sea, being no part of Cornwall, and that the right to minerals under estuaries and rivers, even below low-water mark, was in the Duchy. It was subsequently proposed on behalf of the Crown that when the workings by the Crown lessees were confined to land lying between high-water mark and low-water mark, parcel of the possessions of the Duchy, the compensation to be made by the Crown should be one-fifteenth part of the net dues or money received from the lessees, in addition to compensation to wharfs or other receivers on the shore, and that, inasmuch as it would be difficult to fix by a general rate of compensation which would meet the justice of every case where the workings were carried on upon land above high-water mark, and which might be occupied as farms or otherwise, such compensation should, in case of dispute, be settled by arbitration in each case as it might arise. Those proposals have been accepted on the behalf of the Duchy.

From Leeds, our correspondents (Messrs. Gledhill and Co.) state that the mining interest is a little improved this week, and we hope soon to see confidence restored. Great exertions are being made by several of the mines in the northern districts to raise ore, bring it into the market, and make returns to the enterprising shareholders. Let this be once accomplished and carried on, and mining and its varied interests will be looked upon with respect, and received with increased favour by many of those who at present treat it with doubt and distrust. We hope soon to be able to give you a few particulars of some of the mines who accomplish these pleasing results.

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## Notices to Correspondents.

**\* \*** Much inconvenience having arisen, in consequence of several of the Numbers during the past year being out of print, we recommend that the Journal should be regularly filed on receipt: it then forms an accumulating useful work of reference.**DENBIGH MINING COMPANY.**—I was informed, some few months since, that a company was in course of formation for working these mines, which were formerly opened by an association who sold the ore for the benefit of the directors, and not the shareholders. Probably, through the medium of your columns, some of the present directors will inform the old shareholders on what terms they may become participants in the new association. It must be remembered that the last failure cannot either be attributed to the mine or the shareholders. Had some of the committee not have appropriated the funds, and then declared themselves indebted to the adventure, there would have been money in hand sufficient to have developed the lodes, sunk the shafts, and further extended the levels. It is to be hoped that when the mine again comes into operation the agent appointed will not be allowed to purchase sets and manage mines on his own account, either at Wrexham or elsewhere.**VEGETABLE PLANTS.**—Mr. Ennor would confer a great boon on society if he would send a few specimens of his discoveries to the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn-street, and other places, where they may be studied.**\* F. P.** (Truro).—The name of the party was inadvertently published. If some definite plan were put forward, and a method shown how to commence *de novo*, means might be devised to carry out the undertaking. The opinion is, that a total dissolution of the old company must take place, and those starting afresh be freed from all the innumerable which now weigh so heavily on the undertaking, and can have no other tendency than to retard the development of the resources it is known to possess in such an eminent degree.**OLDA MINING COMPANY.**—A circular has been issued calling a meeting, for the purpose of considering the propriety of increasing the capital. We are asked to do this, and yet, with the exception of brief notes from the mine road at the quarterly meetings, Capt. Champion (the agent) never condescends to let the shareholders know how the property is progressing. I have no wish to speculate in shares, but there are others who would like to see their scrip have some marketable value; but how can this be when the agent, notwithstanding he has been requested to send reports, pertinaciously withholds all information. The complaint against Capt. Crase was the paucity of information he afforded. It appears to me that we have fallen from the frying-pan to the fire. I would ask, has the 100*l.* worth of ore been sold, and what quantity is now being raised weekly?—J. F. Fenner-street.**ROSSIE LEAD MINE (U.S.).**—Under the head of "Notices to Correspondents," in your Journal of July 3, I observed a reference made to the Rossie Lead Mine, in the United States. Having visited this mine in 1836, soon after it was opened, I found it to consist of a vein, on the edge of which were several glittering heaps or piles of galena which had been extracted; but what struck me as unpromising was—first, the narrowness of the vein (and about 1 ft. 6 in.); secondly, the hardness of the rock it traversed; and thirdly, and the rapids of the former, being almost vertical. Its bearing is southward and northward, apparently passing into Canada above Cornwall. I subsequently visited the Canada side, between Cornwall and Ganoquai, with the view of tracing the continuation of the vein into Canada; but with the exception of strong indications, such as crystals of galena and sulphate of barytes, I saw no traces of the vein. My inspection, however, was very cursory and superficial. I reported at the time, through the *Kingston Chronicle*, my observations on the mineralogy of this section of country, but, retaining no copy of the communication, I now report from memory.—A CORRESPONDENT.**ROSSIE AND CANADA LEAD COMPANY.**—The pamphlet which stated the Victoria lodes were so rich was printed in London, for private circulation. I do not mean to wouch for its contents, nor is it my intention in any way to deteriorate from the merits of the directors, two of whom, Messrs. Cox and Crosby, in addition to their other qualifications, are known to have great experience in mining. The company, we are told, has been pursuing its work for two years—I trust prosperously. A projector has, however, lately been issued, as I take it, asking for additional capital. Surely, those who are interested in mining adventures may require explanations without being supposed to belong to either a rival interest, or be classed in the category of disappointed speculators.—SCHEPTE.**Mining in Flintshire.**—In last week's Journal there is a notice, signed "A Friend," on the subject of the Pantash Mine, which contains so many misrepresentations as to require a few observations, or they might have been permitted to vanish in all their impotency, like "the mountain mist." It is believed that this "Friend" and Mr. Turton are *duo in uno*, and, therefore, the assurance given that he is a "most respectable man" carries with it superlative weight, and quite extinguishes any misgivings on a subject rendered peculiarly questionable by the language of the letters addressed to some of the shareholders, and for which they were compelled to cease further correspondence. It is not true that the deputation had an interview with a gentleman residing near Whitford, and it is equally untrue that any one introduced them to the Welsh agent. It is not true that the Welsh agent sought to condemn the mine, but merely answered questions put to him by the deputation. It is not true that the deputation went down to see why the great riches were not brought to light, but for the purpose of seeing how the immense sums of money had been, and were being, laid out. It is not true that the under agent was appointed in Mr. Turton's stead, as he was merely kept in his place to perform what he appeared always to have done—that of really superintending the mine, short only of the necessary correspondence; Mr. Turton's office being that of spending money at the rate of something approaching to 50 per cent. beyond what necessity dictated, and for which alone he was discharged. It is not true that the company refuse to pay Mr. Turton's wage, unless he signs a receipt as having no claim against the company. In short, the whole affair is a network of misrepresentations, and it would become Mr. Turton's "Friend" to say less in this strain, and tell the public he got 20*l.* cash down for the mine, which he could get from no other quarter, and that the mine was taken more to satisfy his pressing importunities than any very pleasing indications it presented.—VERITAS.**SUBSCRIBERS IN AMERICA.**—Our friends in America are informed that they can obtain the *Mining Journal* by ordering it from a bookseller in any of the principal towns in the United States. Mr. Trubee of Paterson-street, is the London agent, and sends parcels by every mail to the principal booksellers and news agents there.**Mining in Tavistock.**—In your last Journal there was a reply to "Querist," respecting Wheal William Bull Mine, which was not accurate. Whether he knew this or not, he was certainly not justified in insinuating that Devon Consols was the only good mine in the Tavistock district. He could not have forgotten the old Friendship Mine, which has paid dividends for half a century; Bedford Consols for many years; Crowsdale and Crebor, both likely to do so again; also, the Tamar Mines, Gunnis Lake, Hindgol Down, and severals others. It would almost appear, Mr. Editor, that the intention of "Querist" was to bring, not only men, but mines into disrepute. For the information of those not in the secret, I may add that "Wheat William Bull" is Mr. William Bull Harvey, of Tavistock, who bought from Messrs. Skinner the sweepings of the quay at Gwanton, and entered in the samplers' books by the party sampling the ore "Wheat William Bull." Wheat Eliza was likewise a fiction. Such practical jokes ought not to be played—certainly not to your Journal.—C.**Mining in Portugal.**—In your Journal of June 26 an account appears of some concessions which Mr. Croft has obtained in that country. I by no means wish to underrate their value, convinced, as I am, that these will be available, at some future period, as a considerable field for mining in that portion of the Iberian peninsula; it must, however, be remembered that the labour to be obtained is unskilled. The people are greatly prejudiced against foreigners, there is but poor accommodation, and a want of transport. When these difficulties are obviated, I believe capital can be then judiciously employed; but I question much whether, until local improvements (which must come from the inhabitants themselves) take place, Portugal will be any great area for mining adventure.—E. N.**THE GREAT EASTERN, AND THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH CABLE.**—A few days since, the *Times* advocated the employment of the *Great Eastern* for the purpose of laying down the Atlantic telegraph cable. At the first return of the *Niagara*, last year, Mr. John Clare, jun., of Liverpool, in the *Mining Journal* of Aug. 22, proposed that this monster vessel should be employed for that purpose, and pointed out the advantages to be derived from the utilisation of the *Great Eastern*, and the risks to be avoided thereby. I have no wish to deteriorate from the merits of the suggestion afforded by the leading journal, but I think, in common justice to your correspondent, Mr. Clare, that it should be known that, through the medium of your columns, he gave publicity to the same idea.—FAIR PLAY.**F. G. (Birmingham).**—The Ave Maria Company, although they had a locality, never completed the purchase with Mr. O'Connor. The greater portion of the capital subscribed was disbursed in London. One of the heaviest items was directors' fees for attendance; several of these subsequently were in bankruptcy.**QUARTER REDUCTION COMPANY.**—From the report of the annual meeting, I perceive that we are to wait another month, in order to receive advices from the mines. It is now discovered that Mr. Attwood is a man totally unfit for his place. He has been in the service of the *Aqua Fria* and this association since 1851: surely it is now too late in the day to accuse the gentleman of incompetency. He is absent, and not able to defend himself. Would it not be better that the board should look at home first? Many of the gentlemen who directed gold mining operations in this country were as ignorant as the parties sent out to manage their affairs in Australia and California.—JUSTITIA.**SCIENTIFIC TERMS.**—A Travelling Geologist would ill become his profession were he not acquainted with such terms as "Matter of Fact" alludes to. But as miners are much more likely to meet with such phenomena as Mr. Ennor describes, he wishes their nomenclature to be so simply arranged that the comparatively uneducated may understand them.**WHEAL SAMSON.**—H. G. S., in your Journal of June 5, asks if the Chancery suit of Wheal Samson is arranged? I am an annual subscriber to your excellent paper, and, shall I say, disappointed that there has not been an answer given—nay, it would have astonished me more had there been; for, under the present management, the general body of shareholders will know but little, unless they demand a general special meeting, and that advertised for three successive weeks. How is it that Mr. F. S. Thomas, or Mr. Barclay, have not answered your correspondent? It is but right we shareholders should know what is going on. I do know that Mr. F. S. Thomas was on the mine two months ago; and I likewise have heard that some tons weight of stuff has been sent up, and sold to a large amount. I hope next week to be informed of a general meeting, when I will attend, and see fair play for those interested.—F. R. S.: *Panticote*, July 7.**NORTH PART OF FOWEY CONSOLS DISTRICT.**—The letter of "A Mine Captain" shall appear in our next Journal.**GOLD REDUCTION.**—On July 15, Mr. Squire is to explain his process at the London Tavern; this, if found practicable, will solve a vexed question, and be of infinite value. I trust not alone will this meeting be attended by those interested in gold mining companies, but those likewise concerned in the extraction of the precious metal. If, at the same time, we could receive the opinions of Messrs. Calvert and Harris as to the merits of their respective inventions, a great fund of information would be added to scientific knowledge. Mr. Squire has set the example, and those who profess to be acquainted with the subject should be present, in order to bear testimony to his process, if it should be as useful as he imagines.—C.**Mining in Flintshire.**—We think the letter of "Friend to the W. M." had better not appear, and that the correspondence should now cease. Each party has had full opportunity of explaining their views, and further discussion may become too personal.

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Railway and Commercial Gazette.

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**The bill for establishing the boundaries of, and giving a Government and Legislature to, a portion of the territories held by the Hudson's Bay Company, was read a second time on Thursday night. This is now a matter of great general interest, in consequence of the recent discoveries of gold deposits, and the tide of emigration which is therefore setting in towards these regions. The country is to be designated New Caledonia; a most unwise decision we consider on the part of the Colonial Office; when it is remembered that the French possess an island of the same name adjacent to our Australian possessions, between which and New Caledonia a large trade is carried on. It, therefore, seems strange that this name should have been selected; and indeed it is to be hoped that some other and more appropriate appellation will be given to this important territory before the measure passes through the Committee.****This portion of the American continent consists of the land east of the Rocky Mountains, granted by charter from the Crown; the territory west of these mountains, held under an Act of Parliament, and Vancouver's Island. It is to the regions west of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific to which the bill applies. Vancouver's Island is to be established as a separate colony, and the territory east of the Rocky Mountains is to be brought under the consideration of Parliament in a separate form.****This New Caledonia is represented as being fertile in the extreme, and requiring only proper culture and civilisation to render it altogether a most desirable settlement. The coast possesses several excellent harbours, and the climate is said to be congenial. Its extent is about 420 miles long, with an average breadth of from 250 to 300 miles, being in some parts 400 miles. From corner to corner it is 805 miles, and the area is about 200,000 miles.****The discovery of gold is, however, the attraction now, whatever may be the result of the introduction of an European population. It is already found in two rivers—the Fraser and the Thompson, chiefly at their confluence; and the general impression is that it abounds in many other parts of this region; and, as passengers from England may reach this place in 35 days, *via* New York and Panama, there is no doubt that enterprising men will soon be found ready and willing to explore and open up this new treasure house of the precious metal. Indeed, it appears that Mr. CUNARD has already offered to the Government to carry out a system of postal intercourse, so that every facility will be readily established for the conveyance of passengers and commercial intelligence. The present gold fields have been denominated the "Conteau Mines," from the name of the natives in that portion of this territory.****When gold began to be sent home from California in large quantities, and was subsequently discovered in even greater deposits in Australia, all Europe was apprehensive that the currency of nations would be deranged, and the precious metal become a drug; but with the production, increased requirements came; and, so far from there being an over abundance, it is clear that further discoveries are desirable to keep pace with the commercial and mercantile demand for this metal. Being found in New Caledonia is, therefore, a feature of considerable moment, and it is imperative that every facility should be given by the Government to those who desire to open up these districts; but, from the statement made by the Colonial Secretary to the House of Commons, there is evidently every disposition to provide all that is necessary in this respect; while, at the same time, wild and rash adventure will be kept in check as much as possible.****The question of liability of companies for messages transmitted by the electric wires has been settled by a verdict of 20*l.* damages against the South Eastern Railway, and in favour of the Lewes Bank. It appears that a station-master forwarded intelligence to the chief office in London that the bank had stopped payment, whereupon instructions were sent to every station not to receive checks or orders on the Lewes Bank, and rumour quickly spreading, similar directions were given to the Brighton and South Coast Line. It was all a myth; but a heavy run on the bank was produced by the report, which, however, was provided for by the prompt remittance of bank notes and specie from the London agents. The South Eastern Company endeavoured to justify their act, and, failing that, tried to throw the entire onus on the station-master who gave circulation to the statement in the first instance, and in fact did everything they could to defend the company, instead of showing willingness to do all in their power to remedy the mischief occasioned, or to clear up the****mystery as to the origin of the rumour. All, however, was unavailing, and the verdict was given against them as already mentioned.****No doubt this is a just decision, and is one of importance to the public. It would be monstrous indeed if companies possessing electric telegraphs could circulate slander with impunity; and if they will not deliver up the names of those by whom such messages are transmitted, they must bear the responsibility on their own shoulders. The South Eastern Railway Company has wires of its own, and as the statement came from their own servant, they were undoubtedly answerable for his act in this respect, more especially as they instantly acted on it, and caused the general circulation of the rumour which led to this annoyance and loss to the bank, and which would, inevitably, have closed its doors if provision had not been instantly made to meet all demands. It is a lesson which will not be lost sight of by electric telegraph and railway companies, and will secure individuals from having their credit or character wantonly trifled with.****A prosecution, which for a considerable period excited some attention among the mining community, has this week terminated in favour of the defendants, to the signal discomfiture of the prosecutor. We allude to the case of STOCKWELL v. LORD CHARLES CLINTON and MR. ALFRED JEFFREY. It is needless for us to recapitulate the prosecutor's charges against the defendants; they were fully commented upon at the time the complaint was made before the Lord Mayor, and, after a patient and careful hearing, dismissed. At that period, the causes which led to this unheard-of mode of proceeding were alluded to, and the animus which prompted the display of vindictiveness laid bare. One would have imagined that, after a person had once exposed himself in a witness-box, and there made a most lamentable exhibition before a magistrate, he would not again have had the effrontery to repeat the performance in the presence of a higher tribunal—at least, the motives and the consideration must have been commensurate with the work to be performed. Mr. STOCKWELL was a dealer in "successful investments," and at the same time a bill-discounter. When threatened last year with proceedings before the Lord Mayor, he, acting no doubt under good and sufficient advice, determined to turn the tables on his opponents, and endeavour to prosecute them on a criminal charge. This, however, failed; and the next resource was the preferring, on *ex parte* statements, a bill of indictment before the Grand Jury, which the defendants had no opportunity of disproving, nor, in fact, no knowledge of until the bill was found. The case was moved by *certiorari* into the Court of Queen's Bench, and was tried on Monday last. In opening for the prosecutor, Mr. Sergeant BALLANTINE stated that his client had sustained no pecuniary injury, and that the indictment was preferred solely for the vindication of his character. It may be remembered that, in his cross-examination at the Mansion House, Mr. STOCKWELL could not recognise his own handwriting. He thought the signature was funny, but very like his. It appears that this gentleman suffers under a curious defect of memory, which must be chronic, for he could not call to mind, in the Court of Queen's Bench, whether he had preferred the indictment to the Grand Jury previous to the bills he had got discounted being paid, or afterwards. It was, however, at length extorted from him, that every shilling had been paid before he preferred the indictment. When pressed by Mr. MONTAGUE SMITH, he was also obliged, though very unwillingly, to admit that he did not go before the Lord Mayor on the case until after he had been threatened with proceedings by Mr. BERRY, the solicitor, for detaining Lord CLINTON's acceptance for 25*l.*—an acceptance which had been entrusted to him to get discounted, and which the defendants could not get back from him without the intervention of their lawyer. On further cross-examination, it also transpired that he had been made a bankrupt, and had been remanded for a fraudulent disposition of his property.****In May last, it appears that STOCKWELL became bankrupt, and on Friday week we were edified by the exhibition of himself in a different character and in another Court,—**

France to inspect the engines; two boiler-makers, and a boy. The plate which gave way was completely torn from the rivets, and none of the other plates appear to have been affected. The bodies not badly mutilated were blown a few yards from the boiler, whilst portions of the others were found at a distance of 50 or 60 yards.

In our last Journal we had to record an explosion of an alarming character which occurred at Victoria, South Wales; but in this instance those who have lost their lives have paid a penalty for their own recklessness. The engineer, the fireman, and another, were seen just previously to the explosion upon the top of the boiler. One of them was observed to put his hand upon the ball of the safety-valve, and immediately after the engineer sat on the valve and the boiler blew up. Four men were killed and several others severely wounded. The boiler was torn into three large pieces, and a large stack was struck at its base by the heaviest of the fragments and fell: fortunately it fell from the sheds, and therefore did no great injury. The damage is estimated at from 2500/- to 4000/-, and during the repairs nearly 200 men will be thrown out of employ. Thus, in a single week, the death of 13 men was caused by boiler casualties, and six or seven families have been left comparatively unprovided for, so that it would appear that the willingness of an insurance company to accept such risks upon easy terms only requires to be made known to secure them an ample amount of business.

The liquidators of the ASTURIAN MINING COMPANY have announced that on and after July 15 they will pay to the British proprietary a final dividend of 2/- per share, making a total of 32. 15s.; thus, out of a capital of 224,000/-, they will have returned about 85,000/-.

It may be remembered under what most flattering auspices this association was first introduced to public notice in 1843; then it was the intention of the directors, not only to open the collieries in the Asturias, but likewise to erect iron furnaces, from whence they proposed to supply the whole of the North of Spain, and a considerable portion of the South of France, with that valuable mineral. They commenced lead and copper mines, and had likewise works for the reduction of cinnabar, drawn from one of their own deposits.

A baronet of considerable reputation was the Chairman, while on the board were several wealthy Anglo-Indians, numbering among them a director of the Hon. East India Company. A large and expensive staff was at the seat of operations. The British Consul was the commissioner at Gijon, the port of embarkation. In Oviedo, a colonel was the resident director, and under his immediate supervision was a treasurer and a staff of clerks. Engineers, at heavy salaries, were riding about the country; French cooks superintended the *cuisine*; while the bright and lustrous eyes of Lelieus offered recreation in the lighter moments, and alleviated by their smiles the languid torpid of a sultry southern sun. There was a superintending mining manager, with a host of agents; and skilled mechanics of all descriptions were engaged previous to there being any profitable employment found for them. The ores that were raised did not pay one-tenth of their cost; the furnaces were found when put up to be defective, and the necessary consequence of this was that they had to be entirely reconstructed. Not content, however, with the almost Herculean task the directors had undertaken, they projected the construction of a railroad from Mieres to Aviles; and some of them joined in an impracticable scheme, which had the high-sounding name of the Royal North of Spain, and which was under royal patronage, and a number of landless and penniless hidalgos.

While no returns were being made to the proprietary, this expensive and inutile staff was still kept up. So long as the shareholders responded to the calls, everything went pleasant enough; the climate was delightful, neither too hot nor too cold; all could leisurely indulge in their siestas, and enjoy to their heart's content the "dolce far niente." The shareholders, at last, began to make enquiries; the establishment was obliged to be reduced; quarrels took place among the proprietors; cabals were formed, and liquidators appointed. They held office for somewhere over twelve months, and the only object they achieved was the endeavour to involve the company in endless litigation, a bill having been filed in Chancery for that purpose; this was disputed by Mr. MACKENZIE, one of the present liquidators, and no more was heard of the gentleman and his colleagues, who in endeavouring to settle the affairs of the association further embroiled them.

The next phase in which the company appeared was under the guidance of trustees, one of these being an original promoter of this, and a projector of several other companies. By their influence the seat of direction was removed from London to Paris; a covenant was made by which, on the English shareholders giving up their property at a sacrifice, they were to receive a yearly dividend.

This promise, however, was not fulfilled; a variety of causes for this, which it is needless here to refer to, were assigned, one of the most significant being, that after the works had made a profit the manager had been robbed by his own servants. For a considerable period affairs were in an unsatisfactory state; the British shareholders had nominated two directors to represent their interests. These were Mr. JOHN CUNNINGHAME FAIRIE and Mr. KENNETH MACKENZIE; the first was a gentleman of declining health, and consequently the responsibility devolved upon his colleague.

An offer having been made for the purchase of the property, which otherwise, it was plain to be seen, would be irretrievably lost, or, to say the least, of no value to the English proprietary, was accepted on their part by Mr. KENNETH MACKENZIE; the first instalment was paid last May, and the final one was due in the ensuing July; at that period it was not forthcoming, and it is only now that it is in the hands of the liquidators in order to return back to the shareholders a portion of that money which the most sanguine of them could never imagine would have been recovered.

Mr. MACKENZIE has exercised a sound discretion in eschewing law proceedings before foreign tribunals, where he would have had to contend with all sorts of equivocations and delays, and which might have been prolonged *ad infinitum*, or at least so long as any of the property remained which could be realised. The money so obtained must be considered as a "brand snatched from the burning;" had it not been for the exertions of their sole representative for the last three years they would not now be in their comparatively fortunate position. It now behoves them to render honour where honour is due. The services accorded to them by Mr. K. MACKENZIE cannot be appreciated by a money value; but there are graceful modes of recognition that can be offered, alike honourable to those who give and they who receive them.

Notwithstanding our Australian colonies at present yield such large quantities of gold, there is every indication that the production will not only continue, but increase. This fact does not apply solely to Victoria, which hitherto has been the great field for the discovery of the precious metals, and where the richest deposits exist, but to the adjoining colonies. In New South Wales the yield is on the increase from the localities already opened up, and we now have advices of a new gold field having been discovered in that province, near to the Murray River. South Australia, likewise, is showing augmented produce from her gold deposits at Echunga, which has been as limited hitherto in her yield of the precious metals as she is unlimited in her production of the richest copper ore. Western Australia, moreover, is reported as having found gold in small quantities within her territory, while New Zealand, from its continued supply of the golden ore, is now proved to be a wide and lucrative field for mining enterprise. The mother country and the mining interests may justly be proud of these colonies, so richly endowed with mineral wealth of almost every description, which hitherto has afforded wealth to the miner by necessity, and not to the practical and experienced miner, whose efficiency and ability might have produced even still greater results. In addition to these Australian colonies, we now find that gold is produced in considerable quantities in the territories lately belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company, and which, when properly developed, will furnish extensive supplies of this valuable metal, so that the collective amount which will be produced from these various localities within the sovereignty of England will be enormous; and, indeed, there seems no means of determining the quantity which may be brought to the mother country, or transmitted to other places.

**RATING COLLIERIES.**—The heavy rating of many of the collieries in the South Yorkshire district has long been a matter of complaint, and there appears little hope of any alteration. The great expense of appealing or referring to an arbitration is such as to cause parties in some instances to pay rather than incur the outlay which an arbitration case involves. A case has just been furnished by the Messrs. Charlesworth. Their firm were rated to the township of Dodworth at nearly 6000/-, and the rating having been disputed it was referred to Mr. Pickering, Q.C. That gentleman relieved them considerably, but the reference cost them nearly 900/- The cost to the township (and which has been allowed by the auditors) was 6171. 16s. It is said that Messrs. Charlesworth offered to provide for the whole of the paupers belonging to the township to be exempted from rates.

### RAILWAYS, BANKS, AND MINES.

BY J. Y. WATSON, ESQ., F.G.S.

The uncertainty of mining has become in a measure proverbial; but, to show that a judicious selection from dividend mines, such as we have always recommended, is not only not more uncertain, but, on the contrary, far more profitable than other modes of investment, we have selected, for the sake of comparison, eight railways, eight banks, and eight dividend mines, showing the prices of each in June, 1857, and in June, 1858:

	1857.	1858.
London and North-Western	£104	£89
Great Northern	99 1/2	98
Great Western	64	49
Lancashire and Yorkshire	100 1/4	89
London and South-Western	102	93
Brighton	114	107
London and South-Eastern	75	65
Caledonian	75	73

	1857.	1858.
London Joint-Stock	£32	£30
London and County	28	27
London and Westminster	50	45
Union of London	27	24
City	66	57
Bank of London	51	45
Western Bank of London	41	31
Oriental	38	35

	1857.	1858.
Devon Consols	£440	£485
Mary Ann	45	46
Trelawny	23	26
Basset	240	200
Grambler	100	115
Herodfoot	7	8
South Caradon	320	400
West Seton	310	390

	Dividends paid in the 12 months.
1857.	£485
1858.	£49 0 0
Total	£1485
1857.	£1580
1858.	£203 17 6

Now, in order to arrive at some practical results from the above figures, let us suppose that in June, 1857, we had purchased a share in each of the mines named, at the then cost of 1485/-, and invested the like amount in the railways, and also in the banks. It would follow that we should have got two shares, or rather 200/- stock, in each of the railways for the sum of 1468. 10s., and taking the interest for the twelve months at an average of 4 per cent. (which we are told is full high), we should have received 59/- in dividends, and in selling out now would make a loss of 142/- 10s.

In the BANKS—Two shares in the London Joint-Stock, three in the London and Westminster, and two in each of the other six, would have cost us 1465/-; upon which we should have received—say, 5 per cent., or 73/- in the year, and have to sell out at a loss of 168/-.

In the MINES—One share in each would have cost us 1485/-.

We should in twelve months have received in dividends 203. 17s. 6d., or 13 1/2 per cent. on the average, and could now sell at a profit besides of 95/-!

To carry out the calculation a little further, we find, on capital account, that London and North Western are 11 per cent. dis.; Great Northern, 2 dis.; Great Western, 51 per cent. dis.; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 11 per cent. dis.; London and South-Western, 7 per cent. dis.; Brighton, 7 per cent. prem.; London and South-Eastern, 35 per cent. dis.; Caledonian, 27 per cent. dis. So that of the eight, one only (the Brighton) is at a premium.

It may be remarked by some of our readers, that we have chosen eight mines best suited to our argument; but, be it remembered, we have also taken the best railways and the best banks in England, and the result is evident to all.

We have always advocated the purchase in six or eight dividend mines as the best investment of the day, the choice of numbers being upon the principle of the division of risks insuring a profit on the aggregate. It will also be remarked by some, that the losses on speculative mine far more than counterbalance the gains on the dividend mines. Granted. But those who embark in young mines do so knowing them to be pure speculations. They look for certain points to come off, which, if successful, realise them large profits, and, if failures, end in loss. But, unlike railways and banks, every shareholder in a mine knows his liability, and can determine it at the end of any current month; for, under the Cost-book System, the accounts of all well-conducted mines are made up every two or three months, and audited by the shareholders themselves, or by those who attend the regularly convened meetings; and any shareholder, by signing a regular form of relinquishment, and paying up his proportion of liabilities to the day of his signing, is freed from all further responsibility. Far different is it in banks and railways—the sword of Damocles is suspended over the heads of too many in the former, and the experience of the past twelve months in banks, shows that one may consider himself a man of fortune one day, and on the next be involved in misery and ruin. And lastly, we uphold that during the railway mania more money was lost in abortive schemes than has been employed in Cornish mining for ten years; and more has been lost in one bank during the past year, than has been lost in Cornish mines, putting all together, for the last 20 years.

### REVIEW OF BRITISH MINING FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1858.

BY J. H. MURCHISON, ESQ., F.G.S., F.S.S.

Notwithstanding the continued abundance and the cheapness of money, the commercial interests of the country remain in a comparatively inactive state. Various reasons are assigned for this apparently anomalous state of things. The uncertainty attending the progress of public affairs at home, the complication and alleged mystery of foreign politics, and the drain of gold from the Bank, are among some of the causes which it is stated have exercised an unfavourable influence. But that which has mainly contributed to the existing depression is, no doubt, the unsatisfactory revelations attending the investigations into insolvent estates in the past eight months, which have seriously damaged credit, and greatly impaired confidence in men generally of all classes and positions. It has been proved, also, that trade had been overdone, much of it having been fictitious, and now, when it is brought within its legitimate limits, it produces a reaction in industrial pursuits which cannot fail to have a prejudicial effect for a time. It is probable, however, that the present inanition will be followed by a sudden change, in the extension of trade, and fresh channels being opened for the employment of capital; the prospects of the harvest, the more settled aspect of political affairs, and the low price of money, tending to this conclusion. The only apprehension is that, as on like occasions before, there will be an inclination to rush from one extreme to another, and thus produce results equally disastrous to the public as those we have been of late experiencing. Much caution and discrimination will, therefore, have to be exercised by those who intend to speculate or invest.

That the mining interest is suffering with other pursuits is too well known to those who are engaged in it. But it must also be admitted that the mines generally are not looking so well as they were one or two years ago. In the past quarter, the sum of 74,451/- in the corresponding quarter of 1857, being a decrease of 56,647/- while the amount paid by British and Irish mines in the first six months of 1858 is 174,399/-, against 261,047/- in the first six months of 1857, showing a falling off of 86,648/- In the first six months of 1856 the amount was 221,842/- These unsatisfactory results are partly owing to the low prices given for the ores, which has also induced some companies to keep back their supplies; but it is to be feared that the mines will not really so productive as they were. Some of the progressive mines will increase their returns when more ground is laid open, and this, with further discoveries, may be expected to show a better condition of things before long.

At the sale of copper ores in Cornwall, on April 1, the average produce

\* This includes Wicklow, 3125t.; Providence, 2800t.; and Minera, 3000t.—omitted in the Review for June, 1857.

† Besides the above, this includes Minera, 3100t.—omitted in first six months last year.

was 64/- and the price per ton 62. 5s. 6d., or 18s. 7d. per unit. From this it gradually fell till the 29th of that month, when the produce was 61/- and the price per ton 57. 3s., or 16s. 5d. per unit. The price then rose during May, at the end of which month the produce was 65/- and the price per ton 62. 3s., or 18s. 6d. per unit. During June a fall again took place, at the sale on the 24th the produce being 61/- and the price per ton 57. 7s. 6d., or 16s. 6d. per unit, which is just 1s. per ton less than ore of the same produce fetched at the beginning of January. The highest price this year was on Feb. 11, when 62/- ore realised 67. 12s. per ton, or 17. 0s. 8d. per unit. The average price per unit for the quarter is 17s. 6d., against 18s. 3d. in the previous quarter, and 19s. 7d. in the corresponding quarter of 1857. In the three months, copper has fallen from 117/- to 107. 10s. per ton. The following are the particulars of the sales of copper ores in Cornwall:—

Quarters ending	Tons.	Av. prod.	Amount.	Av. price.	Fine cop.
June 30, 1858.	46,913	6,398	£5,111 6	£5 11 6	Tons 292 13
March 31	45,239	6,544	£5,111 7 0	£5 11 5	2960 7
June 30, 1857.	50,972	6,258	£5,111 2 6	£5 11 4	3188 7

These figures show that the quantity of ore has increased 1625 tons over the previous quarter, and decreased 4049 tons under the corresponding quarter of 1857. The average produce has decreased 0.146 over 1857. The amount has decreased 20,253/- 5s. 6d. under the previous quarter, and 50,253/- 1s. under 1857. The price per ton has decreased 12s. 11d. under the previous quarter, and 10s. 10d. under 1857. And the fine copper has increased 2 tons 12 cwtz. over the previous quarter, and decreased 225 tons 14 cwtz. under 1857.

The following are the totals and averages for the first six months of 1858 and 1857 respectively:—

First 6 months of	Tons.	Av. prod.	Amount.	Av. price.	Fine cop.
First 6 months of	92,221	6,469	£5,434,429	£5 17 10	Tons 592 14
1857	100,727	6,290			

correct and reliable information. It is also hoped that the plans of the underground workings of Vale of Towy, Great Wheal Alfred, and North Wheal Robert, will be found useful.

DIVIDENDS PAID BY BRITISH AND IRISH MINES, IN THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1858.

Shares.	Name of mine.	Quarter ending June 30.	Amount.	Per share.	Amount.	Per share.	Amount.
3120	Alfred Consols	£ 0 6 0	£1556	£ 0 6 0	£2048	£ 0 6 0	£2048
10000	Baumpotide	5 per cent.	3125	0 6 0	3125	0 6 0	3125
4000	Bedford United	6 4 0	200	0 6 0	1200	0 6 0	1200
200	Bellallack	2 10 0	500	0 6 0	1000	0 6 0	1000
1000	Carn Barca	2 0 0	2000	4 0 0	4000	4 0 0	4000
200	Cefn Cwm Brynwy	—	—	2 0 0	400	2 0 0	400
128	Cwmystwyth	10 0 0	1280	25 0 0	3200	25 0 0	3200
1055	Cradock Moor	0 5 0	2634	0 17 0	8983	0 17 0	8983
1024	Devon Great Consols	8 0 0	812	22 0 0	22528	22 0 0	22528
4078	Devon and Cornwall	6 7 6	15281	0 7 6	15281	0 7 6	15281
1400	Derwent	—	—	2 0 0	400	2 0 0	400
179	Dolcoath	17 0 0	3043	17 0 0	3043	17 0 0	3043
300	East Darren	6 0 0	1800	9 0 0	2700	9 0 0	2700
2048	East Falmouth	—	—	0 2 6	256	0 2 6	256
128	East Pool	2 10 0	320	5 0 0	1274	5 0 0	1274
5700	Exmouth	0 2 6	7124	0 5 6	13671	0 5 6	13671
1400	Eyam	1 0 0	1400	1 0 0	1400	1 0 0	1400
2580	Foxdale (Isle of Man)	1 0 0	2560	2 0 0	5120	2 0 0	5120
243	Grimbald and St. Aubyn	3 0 0	729	4 0 0	972	4 0 0	972
6000	Great South Tolpuddle	0 12 0	3600	0 17 0	5160	0 17 0	5160
1024	Herodsfoot	0 12 6	637	1 5 0	1274	1 5 0	1274
163	Levant	2 0 0	329	4 0 0	640	4 0 0	640
400	Lisburne	6 0 0	2400	9 0 0	3600	9 0 0	3600
1024	Mary Ann	2 5 0	2304	4 10 0	4608	4 10 0	4608
20000	Mining Co. of Ireland	—	—	12 0 3	12240	—	—
1800	Minera	3 0 0	5400	8 0 0	10800	8 0 0	10800
6000	North Bassett	—	—	8 0 0	2400	8 0 0	2400
6400	Par Consols	—	—	10 0 0	3200	10 0 0	3200
200	Phoenix	23 0 0	5009	25 0 0	5000	25 0 0	5000
1000	Pulbero	—	—	10 0 0	386	10 0 0	386
550	Providence	2 0 0	1120	4 0 0	2240	4 0 0	2240
20000	St. Day United	—	—	1 0 0	1000	—	—
470	St. Ives Consols	1 10 0	785	1 10 0	785	1 10 0	785
476	South Wheal Frances	7 0 0	3473	19 0 0	9424	19 0 0	9424
512	South Tolpuddle	1 0 0	512	1 0 0	512	1 0 0	512
256	South Cadron	10 0 0	2560	23 0	7168	23 0	7168
6000	Tincroft	—	—	10 0 0	3000	—	—
1040	Trelawny	—	—	2 0 0	6380	—	—
20000	Vale of Towy	—	—	1 0 0	1000	—	—
6000	West Bassett	3 3 0	2700	0 17 0	5100	0 17 0	5100
256	West Cadron	2 0 0	512	2 0 0	512	2 0 0	512
400	West Seton	16 0 0	6400	22 0 0	8800	22 0 0	8800
6400	West Fowey Consols	—	—	0 2 6	800	—	—
240	Wheal Salt	0 19 0	129	0 10 0	129	0 10 0	129
512	Wheal Bassett	11 0 0	3632	15 0 0	7830	15 0 0	7830
256	Wheal Butler	10 0 0	2360	27 0 0	7640	27 0 0	7640
4000	Wheal Edward	—	—	0 5 0	1000	—	—
128	Wheal Friendship	—	—	10 0 0	1280	—	—
448	Wheal Margaret	2 10 0	1129	3 10 0	1568	3 10 0	1568
80	Wheal Owles	5 0 0	400	5 0 0	400	5 0 0	400
5000	Wicklow Mining Co.	—	—	1 10 0	7500	—	—
Total		—	£74,451	—	£174,399	—	—

[We shall give further extracts next week, in the meantime we may remark that the present number of this useful work is a most interesting one, containing a great deal of important information respecting the principal mines.]

REPORT FROM NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

JULY 8.—The Coal and Iron Trades here present no new feature of interest, except that the weather has become very much colder, which encourages the home trade a little.

Another fatal accident has occurred at the Derwent Mines; a man named Isaac Batey, with three others, were working in a vein, when a portion of the roof gave way and covered him. Some time elapsed before he could be extricated from his awful position—he only breathed a few minutes after being got out. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday, by Mr. Favell, and a verdict returned of "Accidental Death."

A few days ago two commissioners appointed by the Government arrived at Newcastle for the purpose of making experiments with a view to test the accuracy of those recently made by Messrs. Richardson, Longridge, and others, upon the properties of the Hartley steam-coals, and also the Welch steam-coals. They commenced operations at Elswick, the scene of the former trials. Nothing as to the result has as yet transpired; it will, of course, require some time to make the necessary experiments. We cannot expect anything positive as the result of their investigations in less than a month, but of course I shall keep you fully informed. The result will be looked forward to with much interest by the owners of steam-coal collieries and others, as their decision will certainly have some influence on the value of this important section of our collieries.

A special meeting of the Northern Institute of Mining Engineers was held on Thursday last, for the purpose of discussing the papers of Mr. I. Marley and Mr. Bewick, on the "Cleveland Ironstone" (Mr. N. Wood, the President, in the chair), and a very interesting discussion took place on this important subject. The importance of this immense deposit of iron is now well known and recognised. Mr. Marley presented some excellent specimens of the ore to the institute, and Mr. Bewick also exhibited specimens of the ore from Rosedale Abbey, his paper bearing particularly on this locality; some of those specimens were from the Magnetic Quarry there, the ore being highly magnetised. A considerable deal of discussion ensued on this formation, known as the Magnetic Quarry, some strenuously advocating the opinion that it has been thrown up by igneous action;—that it is, in fact, a basaltic dyke; while others contend that it has been formed by a slip dyke, the regular veins of ore having been thrown together in a very remarkable manner. It is not a vein of ore, neither is it nodular, but has been termed by some columnar, being thrown together in form something analogous to huge columns. This ore is of a very rich quality, and it differs from the regular veins in this respect, that it contains no organic remains whatever. The map which accompanies Mr. Marley's paper is of great importance, as it shows the position of the different beds which run through the Cleveland district. The iron ore consists of three main beds. Two small seams of coal are found also in a part of the mineral bed, but they appear to be thin, and only of small extent. Some discussion also took place on the probability of the coal seams of South Durham being continued into the Cleveland district: an ideal section given by Mr. Marley appears to favour the idea that such may possibly be the case. This view, however, is opposed by many scientific and practical gentlemen, who fully believe that those seams rise up to the magnesian limestone before reaching the neighbourhood of the Cleveland ironstone. It appears to us that the line drawn on this ideal section is taken from a point too near the bottom of the coal basin to be of much value, as it is well known that the rise in all coal basins gradually increases from the lowest point, and has its greatest rise near the point of outcrop. The subject, however, is one of much interest, and cannot, with our present knowledge, be definitely settled; and we ought not to be too dogmatic in our decision on such subjects, especially when we recollect that not very many years have elapsed since it was fully believed that this same magnesian limestone terminated the coal seams in South Durham.

REPORT FROM YORKSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND LANCASHIRE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN CHESTERFIELD.]

JULY 8.—The quarterly meetings of the Iron Trade, which commenced on Wednesday at Wolverhampton, do not appear likely to furnish any accurate solution of the circumstances which have tended to depress the trade, and to maintain that depression for a period much longer than was ever anticipated by the most learned trade prophet. It would seem that the Staffordshire makers have become fully sensible of the permanent injury which has been inflicted upon the trade of that district by the inferior qualities of iron which were manufactured by some makers last year, for the purpose of enabling them to undersell their fellow ironmasters. This system was confined almost exclusively to South Staffordshire. The quarterly meetings are not likely to exercise much influence on the trade. They are reported duller than has been remembered for some time past, and the members of the trade seem unable to devise a remedy. The falling off in the export demand, which for the last few years has been very considerable, is no doubt the chief cause; and this, with the depression in our manufacturing trades, has also assisted in the general result. The iron trade in these counties is tolerably good as compared with that of other districts. There are few houses making short time.

The Coal Trade is dull, and there is not much doing, on account of the depressed state of the trade. As we predicted, the formation of the Colliers' Union is leading to a state of litigation between masters and men, which is exceedingly undesirable. On Wednesday four of the men who were supposed to be the ringleaders in the late strike at the Oaks Colliery, near Barnsley, were brought up at the Barnsley Court-house, charged with leaving their work without a fortnight's notice, in accordance with the rules of the colliery. The masters employed Mr. Blanchard, a barrister of the northern circuit, and Recorder of Doncaster. The turn-outs secured the services of Mr. Roberts, of Manchester, the colliers' attorney-general, who made a very able speech for the men; but the magistrates committed four of them to the Wakefield House of Correction for one

month each, with hard labour. The case excited great interest, and the Court-house and its approaches were densely packed with colliers.

The heavy rating of many of the collieries in the South Yorkshire district has long been a matter of complaint, and there appears to be little hope of any alteration. The great expense of appealing, or referring, to an arbitrator is such as to cause parties in some instances to pay rather than make the outlay which an arbitration involves. A case has just been furnished by Messrs. Charlesworth. That firm was rated to the township of Dodworth at nearly 6000/-, and the rating having been disputed, it was referred to Mr. Pickering, Q.C. That gentleman relieved them considerably; but the reference cost them nearly 500/-; and the cost to the township, which was allowed by the auditor last week, was 6475 15s. It is said that Messrs. Charlesworth offered to provide for the whole of the paupers belonging to the township if they were exempted from the rate.

The Dunston and Barlow Iron Company, near Chesterfield, are making great progress in the completion of their new works, situated at Sheepbridge. The three blast furnaces are nearly completed, and the whole of the works present a scene of great bustle and activity. There have been several other cases brought into the County Court against masters for wrongful dismissals; but the Judge (Mr. Walker) ruled that as the masters had fixed the hours, and the men had agreed to them, they (the men) could not alter them without giving the usual notice, and therefore nonsuits were returned in each case.

The late accident on the Midland Railway, near Chesterfield, has resulted in two deaths. The stoker, Wm. Hickling, the driver, James Bennett, and the signal man, Ambrose Blackham, have been committed on a charge of manslaughter.

There is nothing new in the lead mining district of Derbyshire this week with regard to mines in progress of development. A new company is being formed to work the "Fairplay" vein at Peak Forest, which is likely to prove a good mine. A new company is also being formed to work a mine at Roland Hassop, which affords promise of a prosperous undertaking.

I may notice a very interesting spectacle connected with spinning and manufacturing—that of four steam-engines, of 75-horse power each, all in one engine-house, placed two and two, with a fly-wheel to each pair. Several ladies and gentlemen assembled to see them first put in motion, and not the slightest hitch occurred; indeed, they started with as regular and smooth an action as if they had been at work for weeks. They are to turn the machinery in the fine new spinning and power-loom factory of Messrs. Thomas Taylor and Brothers of Wigan; and certainly in no other manufactory in Great Britain, or anywhere else therefore, is such a sight to be seen. They exceed in beauty the two engines of 150-horse power each, which are working side by side in the engine-house of the older mill; but there is a ponderousness in the latter, and a majesty in their movements, and in that of their huge fly-wheel, which produce a greater impression of power on the mind of the spectator. These mills, with another in a different part of the town, belonging to the same firm, will consume at least 500 bales of cotton weekly, which we believe, exceeds the consumption of any other single concern in the world. It was very striking to stand in the middle of an immense room, which is to contain 1600 to 1700 bales, and to carry one's eye into another, not so vast, though still large, into which there are openings from the former.

THE IRON AND METAL TRADES OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT AT WOLVERHAMPTON.]

JULY 9.—The past week, although it has furnished little new in regard to the state of the Iron Trade in respect to actual operations at the works, yet has supplied a somewhat novel feature in relation to prices. The quarterly meetings at Wolverhampton, on Wednesday, and on the following day at Birmingham, were chiefly occupied in discussing a proposition to reduce the "list prices" 10s. a ton, but no decision could be come to at all satisfactory to all the first-class houses. There is little doubt, however, that at Dudley, to-day (Saturday), some arrangement will be come to whereby the makers, who are feeling the pressure of competition, will consider themselves at liberty to send out circulars announcing a reduction in price, for both home and American orders, of 10s. per ton.

There is partial strike amongst the thick coal workers at West Bromwich and the district, consequent upon a notice to drop their wages.

The quarterly meeting of the North Staffordshire Coal and Iron Masters' Association was held at Stoke-upon-Trent, on Thursday, the 1st inst. There was a good attendance of members, and Mr. R. Heath presided. Notice was given to call a special meeting of the association, to consider whether it was necessary to make a reduction in the present rate of wages in the depressed state of the trade. Some of the members reported that the ironworkers in their employ had made an application for an advance of wages; but it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that it was totally impossible in the present prospects of the trade to entertain such an application. The meeting resolved that the prices for the next quarter should remain unaltered for ironstone, pig-iron, and manufactured iron. The iron-works in the district were reported to be in full work, but prices continue low. For ironstone and pig-iron it was stated that there were good many enquiries, but no amendment in prices could be reported at present.

Several of the principal employers of ironworkers at Cradley Heath and Lye Waste, near Dudley, have consented to give their men the rates they demand; and with reference to the other masters, the men say they will not commence work till they (the men) experience the like treatment.

Lord Ward visited Dudley on Tuesday last, inspected some alterations that were progressing at the school of design there, and gave 150/- towards their completion.

The fourth annual award of prizes in connection with the Iron and Coalmasters' Scheme in Shropshire took place at Shifnal, on Saturday last. The schools embraced in the scheme are Madeley, Madeley Wood, Ironbridge, Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Dowlings, Wood, Kestley, Littlehall, and Pool Hill. The successful candidates, with their teachers, attended, together with the clergy and other gentlemen taking an interest in the schools. Among those present were the Rev. J. P. Norris, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools. Earl Granville, who had been expected to preside, was prevented doing so by his duties in the House of Lords, and, in his absence, Mr. H. Dickinson, Severn House, was called to the chair. Mr. Dickinson, in introducing the business, said he was very sorry to find the operations of the society imperfect, in consequence of the practice of parents, unable to resist the temptation wages afforded, taking their children from school. The prizes were then distributed. Mr. Anstee was not prepared,

submitted, be assumed, seeing that no objection has hitherto been raised to their publication as part of the said award.

Now, in these remarks, the Commissioners, in a very interesting review of the ancient customs and anomalies that existed in the mining laws of Dean Forest prior to the passing of the said Act, most clearly state it as their opinion that under the old laws and customs, and the soil of the Forest belonging to the Crown, and no one being empowered to erect engines or machinery to work and get the deep mine without the license of the Crown, this portion of the minerals of the Forest was inaccessible to the free miners as of right; or, as aptly expressed by the Commissioners, the Crown then held a large tract of minerals in the Forest as it were "under lock and key," by means of their control of the surface. The Commissioners, too, in their description of the leading characteristics of the Forest district observe that the strata are bounded with water that, when the mines are deep, steam-engines and machinery are indispensable; and, although they do not state in so many words that one object of the aforesaid Act and award was to empower the mine owner to sink pits and erect all requisite and indispensable machinery for mining, and getting the mine, without any license from the Crown, it is consistently and respectfully submitted that the preliminary conclusions cannot but be attended to without coming to that conclusion, and that such was the Commissioners' intention and belief. That this was so is further proved, it is submitted, by reference to the third division of this enquiry—to the Commissioners' Rules and Regulations, the very first of which, though not actually making use of the words "buildings, steam-engines, or machinery," declares that every holder of a gale shall be entitled to the free and unrestricted use and enjoyment of all lands, &c., belonging or pertaining to his gale, with liberty to dig, sink, work, and drive, &c., for the purpose of mining and working the said gales, &c., while the 7th rule directs that no steam or fire-engine shall be erected within any enclosure, or within 60 yards of its fence, without the previous sanction of your honourable board, a regulation which, it is submitted, was wholly unnecessary if, as now contended for the Crown, no steam or other engines or machinery can be erected in the Forest without the previous sanction and license of your honourable board.

That for the foregoing reasons, to which others, it is believed, might be added if necessary, and irrespective of the legal axiom, which your memorialists are informed attaches by implication to the grant of all mines (unless expressly negatived)—that the grant implies what is necessary or indispensable for the opening and working the mine granted, your memorialists most confidently but respectfully submit that so long as they otherwise comply with the rules and regulations of the Dean Forest Mining Commissioners, they are of right entitled to maintain and erect whatsoever buildings or machinery are indispensable for the opening and working of their mines without obtaining any license from your honourable board, and viewing the question as they do as one of vital importance to their rights and interests, they respectfully solicit your patient and candid consideration of these their remarks, and that you will be pleased to institute such further inquiries and proceedings as you may deem desirable for the due adjustment of the question at issue, your memorialists here tendering to you their readiness, by deposition or otherwise, at any time to attend you, and personally confer on the question raised, and the best means of disposing of it. Meanwhile soliciting that all further steps with reference to such leases as have been already prepared may be temporarily suspended.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Office of Woods and Forests, Whitehall-place, London, S. W.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 6, together with a memorial from coal owners and others interested in the Dean Forest Mines, respecting the erection of engines for the use of gales. The memorialists express their surprise at being required to take out leases for the sites necessary for the erection of steam and other engines and machinery indispensable for the opening and working their respective mines and works. They consider such requirements at variance with and in contradiction to the object and the spirit of the Act 1 and 2 Vict., cap. 43, and the awards, rules, and regulations thereto annexed, and for this reason they request that I will institute such further inquiries as I may deem desirable for the due adjustment of the question.

In reply I beg to acquaint you, for the information of the memorialists, that after having given this subject the most careful consideration, and having regard to the Act 1 and 2 Vict., cap. 43, I must adhere to the course heretofore adopted—that in all cases where engines, machinery, or other buildings necessary for the proper working of any gales are desired by the gales, and certified to be necessary by the deputy-gravelier, a lease or license for so doing must be obtained under the provisions of the 25th section of the Mining Act. But I wish it, at the same time, to be distinctly understood that every reasonable facility will be given by me for such a purpose.—I am, &c., JAMES HOWARD.

James Wintle, Esq.

#### MINING OPERATIONS IN FLINTSHIRE.

A freehold estate at Mold, 114 acres in extent, in conjunction with 300 acres adjacent, and containing valuable seams of coal and ironstone, is about to be extensively worked by a limited company, with a capital of \$0,000,000, in shares of £1 each. There are the necessary steam-engines on the property, and three coal mines are now at work. This estate alone would, under competent management, no doubt, yield a fair return upon the proposed capital; but, in order that the shareholders shall have ample security for the money invested, the projectors of the company have made arrangements for carrying on lead and zinc smelting, the reduction of auriferous and argenticiferous ores, and lime burning. It is also intended to buy the leases of the coal, cannel, and ironstone existing under adjacent estates, and the right to work large quantities of limestone, both of the ordinary and hydraulic, or Argued, description which exist in the immediate neighbourhood. The situation of the property is all that could be desired; they are on the Mold Branch Railway, and one mile of rails will place the company's works and collieries in perfect communication with all the principal towns in England. The advice upon which the promoters have acted is likewise of the best description, the chief reporter chosen being Mr. Wm. Peace, F.G.S., manager of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres' collieries, whose opinion is confirmed by Messrs. Dornin, Booth, and Higson, Manchester, and Beckett, Wolverhampton.

The smelting and reduction department will be under the management of Mr. Alfred Jenkin, who has long been known in connection with metallurgical operations, and especially from his invention of the double reverberatory-furnace, which has proved so eminently successful at the works of the Mining Company of Ireland at Ballycorus, and on the Continent. The locality selected is admirably adapted to the requirements of smelting and reduction works, as lead and zinc ores abound, and there is an unlimited supply of suitable coal and limestone, which will belong to the company. In addition to the ores of the district, the promoters have likewise received promises of the consignment of valuable argenticiferous and auriferous ores from abroad, which can be reduced with profit and success at the works of the company. During the past week a good discovery of lead ore has been made by native miners within a mile of Mold, which must be considered favourable to the prospects of the company.

With regard to the coal, Mr. Peace estimates that the mines now won and to be worked will yield 4,000,000 tons of coal, exclusive of the additional seams which Mr. Higson states to be in existence. The coal is identical with Hartley coals, and well adapted for exportation and general purposes. Within a moderate depth of surface there are three seams of coal, their aggregate thickness being, according to Mr. Peace's statement, 15 ft. The Broncoed Colliery comprises upwards of 113 acres of land, has been some years at work, and is now in course of working, and has three pits sunk through the three seams, and one sunk through the two upper seams. Two of the pits, as regards the seams referred to, are nearly exhausted, and are not capable of yielding more than 100,000 tons of coal; but the other two are but recently opened, and command an area of coal amounting to 53 acres. The quantity of coal on the Broncoed estate may be estimated at 1,000,000 tons. There are upon this colliery four steam-engines for pumping and winding coal, with other necessary machinery and plant, which may, at a moderate valuation, be estimated at 4000£.

The Glanyrafon Colliery is to the north of Broncoed, and comprises 71 acres, and an untouched tract of the three seams before referred to. It is separated from Broncoed by the Treborth estate, which is also to be worked by the company, and which consists of 137 acres, of which 35 will be available to the pits in progress at Glanyrafon. Various engineers, including those of the Birkenhead, Lancashire, and Cheshire Junction Railway, and of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company's Works, have given testimonial as to the excellency of the coal for steam purposes, and it appears that the amount of clinker and sulphur is very small. Upon the calculations of the engineers who have inspected the property, it is estimated that a profit of 30 per cent. will be realised; and, when the reputation of those upon whose authority the statements are made is taken into consideration, it may reasonably be anticipated that, even if the profits should fall a little short of their estimate, a very satisfactory amount of remuneration will still remain to the shareholders.

**RAILWAY TRAFFIC.**—The Traffic Returns of Railways in the United Kingdom for the week ending July 3 amounted to 469,590t., and for the corresponding week of 1857 to 479,230t., showing a decrease of 9640t. The gross receipts of the eight railways having their termini in the metropolis amounted for the week ending as above to 204,845t., and for corresponding week of 1857 to 204,565t., showing an increase of 280t.

The increase on the Eastern Counties amounted to 1280t.; on the Great Western to 414t.; on the London and Blackwall to 226t.; on the London, Brighton, and South Coast to 2163t.; on the London and South-Western to 2592t.; on the South-Eastern to 1421t.—total, 2070t. But from this must be deducted 812t., the decrease on the Great Northern, and 6972t., on the London and North-Western, together 7790t., leaving the increase, as above, 280t.

The receipts on the other lines in the United Kingdom amounted to 264,745t., and for the corresponding week of last year to 274,665t., showing a decrease of 9920t. in the receipts of those lines, from which must be deducted the increase on the metropolitan lines, makes the total decrease 9640t., as compared with the corresponding week of 1857.

**VALE OF CLYWD RAILWAY.**—It is intended to extend this company's line so as to form a junction with the Shrewsbury and Chester branch of the Great Western Railway. The portion of the line between Rhyd and Denbigh is nearly constructed, and is expected to be opened for traffic next month. From Denbigh to Ruthin and Llanelian the line is being surveyed, with a view to open an important district for coal and minerals.

**EXTRAORDINARILY EARLY HARVEST.**—In the parish of Creed, Cornwall, a field of oats, perfectly ripe, was cut on July 2. At Fencorse, a field of the same grain was cut on Thursday last; both crops were highly satisfactory. This does not show the mining districts to be so barren as they are usually supposed to be. The wheat crops are fast drawing to maturity; at present they are all that can be desired.

#### WEEKLY LIST OF NEW PATENTS.

GRANTS OF PROVISIONAL PROTECTION FOR SIX MONTHS.—JOHN OXLEY, Beverley, Yorkshire, and Moorgate-street : Doors and sashes of carriages.—SIR FRANCIS C. KNOWLES, Lovell-hill, Berks : Fabrication or manufacture of steel.—A. DENMANSEY, Islington, and A. C. ENGERT, City-road : Fire-proof composition or wash.—B. PREDAVALLE, NEW OXFORD-STREET : Mode of obtaining motive-power.—J. WESTWOOD, London-yard, Isle of Dogs, Poplar : Construction of iron ships.—? STEVENS, Glasgow : Making moulds for casting.—F. WALTON, Wolverhampton : Manufacture of japanned wares.—J. ALLARDICE, Glasgow, and W. MILLER, Blantyre : Glassblowers.—GEO. HALE, Covent Garden : Apparatus for obtaining motive-power.—C. CROOKFORD, Holywell : Treatment of the ores of zinc, and in smelting making.—R. and T. WIDANS, Baltimore (U.S.) : Form of the hulls of steam-vessels.—R. and T. WIXSON, Baltimore (U.S.) : Ocean steamers.—R. HALDON, Wivenhoe : Engines worked by steam or atmospheric power.—Sir J. C. ANDERSON, FERNY, Locomotion, parts of which are applicable for other purposes.—R. A. BHOOMAN, Fleet-street [for A. REDDING] : Steam-cook.—H. DEACON, Widnes Dock, near Warrington : Purifying alkaline iron.—W. E. KENWORTHY, Leeds : Manufacture of steel.—W. E. NEWTON, Chancery-lane : Centrifugal governors for steam-engines and other motors.—J. BATES, J. YORK, Hyde, and W. PARKIN, Sheffield : Pistons and plungers.—T. BOOTH, Rotherham, Gloswell-road : Mounting and fitting wheels and axles to carriages, which improvements are also applicable to pulleys and other parts moving on axes.—J. MACDILLAT, Lambeth : Furnaces for making iron, steel, and other metals.—C. ERHARD, Rue des Navarin, France [for Messrs. CHANOT and CATELINEAU] : Apparatus for boring wells.

**SUPERHEATED STEAM.**—Mr. William Binns, Victoria-grove, Brompton, proposes to apply to or in connection with steam boilers of ordinary construction, tubes, boxes, or chambers of any desired form or convenient shape, and in such manner that the steam generated in the boiler shall pass from the boiler or generator and through a pipe or pipes placed in some convenient part of the fire or flues of the boiler. After the steam has passed through such pipes, which may be called heat-absorbers, it is then conducted back to the boiler and caused to circulate through heat-distributors, consisting of tubes, pipes, boxes, or chambers, arranged in any convenient manner within the boiler and below the low-water level. By this arrangement the steam generated in the boiler, on entering and passing through the fire-tubes or heat-absorbers, becomes supercharged or superheated; the superheated steam then passes from the heat-absorbers within the flues to the heat-distributors which are within the boiler, and made to extend over as great a portion of the water space as may be convenient or found necessary. The object of this arrangement is, therefore, to supercharge or superheat the steam by passing it, as hereinbefore described, through a pipe or pipes arranged in the fire of the boiler, and afterwards to deprive the steam of the excess of heat by causing it to circulate through tubes, pipes, boxes, or chambers immersed in the water of the boiler. The steam having given out its superfluous heat, which is employed as an auxiliary generator, then enters the steam dome, and from thence to the cylinder of the engine, which it enters in a comparatively dry state, and deprived of that excess of heat which accompanies supercharged or superheated steam.

**STEAM AND AIR-ENGINES.**—Mr. Barlow (for a correspondent) has patented some improvements in engines. The engine has one large cylinder, with a blowing cylinder connected as now arranged to the beam opposite to the air-pump. There are also two auxiliary high-pressure engines placed alongside the large engine, connected at right angles, and working two blowing cylinders connected directly to the piston-rods. The boiler is placed in a line with the engine, or may be varied in position; and in the central part thereof are numerous horizontal tubes, leading from the furnace to a large horizontal tube in the rear end of the boiler, in which are arranged superheating tubes, and over the back end of which stands the chimney, fitted with an air-tight valve.

**CLARE'S ENGINE AND BOILER.**—The specification of this invention, filed last week by Mr. Henry, patent agent, Fleet-street, describes an engine in which are employed open-ended cylinders, each with two pistons attached to cranks at equal angles on shafts at each end, connected, in the case of locomotives, by tie-rods outside the driving-wheels, which are thus made to work in unison. The boiler is provided with a pear-shaped furnace-flue extending nearly the whole length, and leading into flues, for the hot gases, which pass on each side to the fire-box end, and back again. The patent includes an improved slide-valve, for supply and exhaust.

**SIMULTANEOUS RAILWAY BREAK.**—Mr. George W. Bancroft, for the speedy and effective stopping of trains supplies each carriage with break-blocks, fitting on the top edge of the wheels, and connected in pairs with a horizontal shaft, worked from above by one or more vertical racks, operated by side levers and short rucked levers, worked from underneath the carriages by means of jointed connecting rods, so arranged as to be under the direction of the guard. The break-blocks, when not acted upon, are kept from the wheels by means of a spring attached to the shaft and bottom of carriage

**LUBRICATING SHAFTS.**—Messrs. Hipkiss and Olsen, Birmingham, have patented an improved lubricator. In the lower journal or bearing, in which the shaft turns, or in both bearings, they drill holes and plug them with wood, tow, sponge, or other substance, capable of absorbing oil. They make a hole on the top or side of the said journal, which opens on the working surface of the journal; oil is poured down the said hole, and is delivered between the shaft and journal. The wood, or tow, becomes thoroughly impregnated with oil, and effectually lubricates the shaft, even if oil be supplied very irregularly.

**FORGING.**—Mr. J. P. Brignon proposes an apparatus which combines an hydraulic press with the steam-cylinder and piston of the ordinary pile hammer. The steam-cylinder is firmly fixed on the top of a strong frame, supported by suitable pillars, and the piston-rod is fitted with a hammer, or mandrel, in the ordinary manner. The head of the ram of the press forms a table, upon which the iron to be forged is placed. Mandrels also may be fitted to the apparatus to form the tyres of railway and other wheels, and for any other purpose to which the ordinary pile hammer is applicable. By the combined force, or pressure, obtained by the above arrangement of apparatus, forged iron articles of a superior quality are produced.

**MOTIVE-POWER.**—M. Montel, Paris, obtains an improved motive-power from springs, or blades, of steel or iron, which are supported at their extremities by wheels, fixed on the axle, to which rotary motion is to be communicated, and also at their centre to a central wheel, also fixed on the same axle. The action of the springs puts the central wheel, and therefore the axle, in motion, which is kept up until breaks or other controlling agents are applied to stop or reduce its speed.

#### INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers have just awarded the following premiums for papers read at the meetings during the past session:—

A Teiford Medal, to James Atkinson Longridge, C.E., and a Council Premium of Books, to Charles Henry Brooks, for their paper on Shunting Telegraphic Cables.

Teiford Medal, to George Robinson, C.E., for his Investigation into the Theory and Practice of Hydraulic Mortar.

Teiford Medal, to James Henderson, C.E., for his paper on the Methods generally employed in Cornwall in dressing Tin and Copper Ores.

Teiford Medal, to Robert Jacob Hood, C.E., for his paper on the Arrangement and Construction of Railway Stations.

Teiford Medal, to Major-General George Bralass Tremenheere, C.E., for his paper on Public Works in the Bengal Presidency.

Teiford Medal, to Alfred Giles, C.E., for his paper on the Construction of the South-Watt Medal and the Manby Premium, to Gifford Lindsay Molesworth, C.E., for his paper on the Conversion of Wood by Machinery.

Watt Medal, to Thomas Spencer Sawyer, for his paper on the Principal Self-acting and other Tools employed in the Manufacture of Engines, Steam Boilers, &c.

Council Premium of Books, suitably bound and inscribed, to Frederick C. Webb, C.E., for his paper on the Practical Operations connected with Paying-out and Repairing Submarine Telegraph Cables.

Council Premium of Books, suitably bound and inscribed, to Henry Conybeare, C.E., for his Description of Works recently executed for the Water Supply of Bombay.

Council Premium of Books, suitably bound and inscribed, to Samuel Alfred Varley, for his paper on the Qualifications requisite in a Submarine Cable, for most efficiently transmitting Messages between Distant Stations.

Council Premium of Books, suitably bound and inscribed, to Richard Carden Despard, for his Description of Improvements on the Second Division of the River Lea, with Remarks on the Position of Canals generally.

Council Premium of Books, suitably bound and inscribed, to Alexander Wright, C.E., for his paper on Lighting Mines by Gas.

Council Premium of Books, suitably bound and inscribed, to James Brunelies, C.E., for his Description of the Iron Viaducts erected across the Estuaries Leven and Kent in Morecambe Bay, for the Liverstone and Lancaster Railway.

**THE FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION AT MANCHESTER.**—The inquest on the nine persons killed by the recent explosion of the boiler of a locomotive at the Atins Works, Messrs. Sharp, Stewart, and Co., Manchester (fully referred to in another column), was yesterday resumed before Mr. Herford, coroner for the city. Mr. John Robinson, a partner in the firm, stated that the locomotive was the last of 40 ordered by the Great Russian Railway Company. At the trial of the engine at which the accident occurred the pressure was 120 lbs. to the square inch. One of the boiler-plates had been blown out in fragments. The plate was a full 1/2 in. thick. For an English engine the thickness would have been less, but this engine was made in compliance with a law requiring a certain thickness. Mr. W. Fairbairn, C.E., who had examined the boiler and fragments, read a long report, which entered minutely into the possible causes of the accident. His opinion was that it did not arise from excessive pressure on the boiler, but to unforeseen and undiscoverable weakness in the boiler-plate which was driven out. He attached no blame either to the makers of the engine or to manufacturers of the plates. Mr. Hick and Mr. Fothergill, engineers, concurred in Mr. Fairbairn's opinion, and the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

**LINZ COLLIERY COMPANY (LIMITED).**—TO BE SOLD.

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A FEW SHARES in the above COMPANY, £25 per share paid. The first year's balance-sheet has just been rendered, showing upwards of £10 per cent. profits.—Address to P. T. T., Mining Journal office, 26, Fleet-street, London.

**MALLEABLE IRON CASTINGS.**—CRUCIBLE PIGS FOR MALLEABLE CASTINGS SUPPLIED BY THOMAS CARRICK, Princess-street, Manchester.

**MINERAL BORING.**—The PATENT INDIA RUBBER ACCUMULATORS are APPLIED to SPRINGS to BORING RODS. Four men will work a 30 cwt. rod through a stroke of 8 in.—A drawing and description may be had of the patentee, R. E. Hodges, 44, Southampton-row, Russell-square, W.C.

**STEAM BOILER ASSURANCE COMPANY.**—Provisionally registered, pursuant to 7 and 8 Vic., c. 110. Capital £100,000.

The Provisional Committee of this association are prepared to RECEIVE from inventors or patentees of INVENTIONS connected with the SAFETY of STEAM BOILERS,

PARTICULARS of any such, with a view to their purchase or other business arrangements, either with or without the co-operation of the inventors.—Letters to be addressed to the secretaries, at the offices of the company, 29, Corporation-street, Manchester.

**TO PATENTEES AND ENGINEERS.**—GENTLEMEN having an INTEREST in INVENTIONS applicable to the PREVENTION of STEAM BOILER EXPLOSIONS are requested to forward FULL PARTICULARS to the secretaries of the STEAM BOILER ASSURANCE COMPANY, 29, Corporation-street, Manchester.

**INCrustations in Steam Boilers are EFFECTUALLY REMOVED and PREVENTED by USING EDWD. MUFF'S COMPOSITION.**

Testimonials, with directions for use, may be had at Tyersall Hall, near Bradford, by post or otherwise, where orders and communications will receive prompt attention.

IN CHANCERY.

In the Matter of the JOINT-STOCK COMPANIES WINDING-UP ACTS, 1848 and 1849, and of the DHURODE COPPER MINING COMPANY.

**THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS,** at Chambers, to whose Court the winding-up of this company is attached, doth order that a CALL of TEN SHILLINGS per share be made on all the contributors of this company; and that each contributor do pay the balance, if any, which will be due from him, after debiting his account in the company's books, with such call, to the official manager of this company, on or before the 30th day of July, 1858, at his office, 66, King William-street, in the City of London.

GEO. WHITING, Chief Clerk.

Dated the 21st day of June, 1858.

SYMPSON, WARNER, AND JAMES, 7, Golden-square, Solicitors for the Official Manager.

MINES OF COAL AND IRONSTONE ON CANNOCK CHASE

—Notice is hereby given, that PLANS of the further portions of the COAL and IRONSTONE DISTRICT on CANNOCK CHASE, in the manors of Cannock and Rugeley, in the county of STAFFORD, now intended TO BE LET by the Marquis of ANGLE

## SALE OF COLLIERIES IN NORTHUMBERLAND.

**M**R. BROUH WILL SELL, BY AUCTION, at the Queen's Head Inn, Pilgrim-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 20th day of July, at One o'clock in the afternoon, all those extensive and well-known COLLIERIES, with the FARMS attached thereto, situate near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the property of Messrs. Carr Brothers and Co., in the following lots:—

Lot 1.—All that valuable COLLIERY, known by the name of BURRADON COLLIERY, in the parish of Earsdon, with the Westgate and Annesford ROYALTIES attached, together with all the COTTAGES, ERECTIONS, MACHINERY, PLANT, and other EFFECTS, belonging to the same. The several mines are held for the following terms of years, viz.:—Burradon, for 31 years from 30th December, 1859, with an agreement from the present proprietor for an extended lease of 47 years from the 30th December, 1857; Westgate, for 21 years from 12th May, 1851; and Annesford, for 27 years from 1st August, 1852. The total of the royalties comprised in the several leases is about 1200 acres.

The coal produced from this colliery is of excellent quality, and is known by the name of "Carr's Hartley Steam Coal." There is a large amount of shorts to be made up, and to these the purchaser will be entitled.

Lot 2.—All that valuable COLLIERY called SEGHILL, with the SEGHILL NEW HOUSES, SEGHILL MIDDLE and MARES CLOSE FARMS attached, situate respectively in the parish of Earsdon, together with all the DWELLING HOUSES, COTTAGES, ERECTIONS, MACHINERY, PLANT, and STOCK belonging thereto, including the CROPS of the farm. The extent of royalty or coal mines comprised in the lease is about 1400 acres, and the average of the farms is about 786 acres.

Also, all those TWO PUBLIC HOUSES called the Blaize Arms Inn and Hope and Anchor, with a piece of LAND called Woodfield, containing about 7½ acres, and upon which the principal colliery agent's HOUSE is erected, together with a DWELLING HOUSE, now or late occupied by Thomas Hirst, situate respectively in or near the village of Seghill.

All the premises comprised in this lot (with the exception of the Hope and Anchor Inn, which is held from year to year) are held under leases for 19 years, from 13th May, 1854, and there is little doubt of their renewal.

The royalty comprises several valuable seams of coal, especially adapted for house, steam, and manufacturing purposes, and the workings of the colliery are extensive. The coals are known by the same name as those of Burradon Colliery.

Lot 3.—All that well-known and valuable COLLIERY, situate near Blyth, called COWPEN COLLIERY, and the extensive ROYALTIES attached thereto, together with the HOUSES, ERECTIONS, MACHINERY, PLANT, and STOCK, belonging to the same. The royalties are held under several takings, and the total acreage so held amounts to about 3706 acres, and of this the Newsham royalty, which is intended for a separate winning, and is very valuable, comprises about 1150 acres. Also, all that FARM called WATT'S FARM, attached to the colliery, together with all the STOCK and CROPS o such farm.

There is a large amount of shorts to be made up. The coals produced from this colliery are a first-class steam coal, and are known under the name of "Cowpen Hartley."

Lot 4.—All that COLLIERY, called HARTLEY COLLIERY, in the parish of Earsdon, with the three FARMS and LAND attached, containing in the whole about 414 acres, together with the HOUSES, COTTAGES, and BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, PLANT, and STOCK, belonging thereto, including the CROPS on the farms, and ENGINE SHOPS and MACHINERY at Seaton Sluice, but exclusive of the line of railway leading from the main line of the Blyth and Tyne Railway to the Diary House.

The colliery is held under lease, or agreement for lease, from Lord Hastings, for 25 years, from 1st May, 1844, and comprise an acreage of about 3000 acres. One of the farms is held from year to year, and the others are held under lease.

The shorts are estimated at about £17,000.

With the exception of Hartley (which has just been reopened), the whole of the collieries are in full work, with an annual yield, exclusive of Hartley, of about 413,000 tons, and the machinery and plant are in excellent order. The yield of Hartley, when in work, is estimated at 90,000 tons.

The whole of the coals have a wide-spread reputation as a first-class steam coal, and Carr's Hartley coal is on the Admiralty list.

The coals from Burradon are shipped at Wall's End, on the Tyne, by means of a private railway; and those from the other collieries at the Hayhole Dock, on the Tyne, and at the port of Blyth, by means of the Blyth and Tyne Railway, which is contiguous to the several collieries.

The whole of the farms (with the exception of Watt's farm) have been wholly or partially drained, and are in excellent condition.

The certain and other rents are moderate.

Printed particulars and conditions of sale will be ready for delivery after the 1st July, and further particulars may be had on application to Messrs. COLEMAN, TURQUAND, YOUNG, and CO., Old Jewry, London; Messrs. FRESHFIELDS and NEWMAN, solicitors, 5, Bank-buildings, London; Mr. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, solicitor, 60, Dean-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Mr. W. M. ARMSTRONG, colliery viewer, Wingate Grange, Ferry Hill; or to the auctioneer, Blackett-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## LONDON WORKS, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

**M**ESSRS. FULLER AND HORSEY are instructed to SELL, BY AUCTION, on Monday, the 9th of August, at Eleven, on the premises, in Two Lots, the extensive FREEHOLD PROPERTY, known as the LONDON WORKS, lately in the occupancy of Messrs. Fox and Henderson, and situate at SMETHWICK, in the immediate vicinity also of the works of G. F. Muntz, Esq.; Messrs. James Watt and Co.; and the Birmingham Patent Tube Company. It is important to notice that the rates in the parish of Harborne are not more than one-third the amount of those in the adjoining parish of Birmingham.

The WORKS occupy a site of 5a. 1r. 26p. 27y.; they have a frontage of about 455 ft. next Crawford-street, and a frontage of 490 ft. next the private branch of the Birmingham Canal, which communicates with the Grand Junction and other canals, and thus affords facility for water carriage direct from the works to the principal cities and towns in England. The Stour Valley Railway runs past the property. The construction of these works has involved an outlay exceeding £30,000; they were established in 1839 by Messrs. Bramah and Fox, and have been raised to their present importance by Messrs. Fox and Henderson, under whose practical judgment they have been arranged for carrying on the great undertakings in connection with which the name of that firm has been rendered famous.

The BUILDINGS are arranged in a quadrangular form, and are most substantial erections. The entrance is through a gateway (on either side of which are offices and stores) to a spacious yard, in the centre of which is the boiler-house and lofty chimney. To the left is a carriage building shop, 201 ft. by 103 ft.; an iron store adjoining, 97 ft. by 11 ft. The principal range of buildings include the smiths' shop, 119 ft. by 102 ft.; two anchor smiths' shops and turn-table shop, a fitting shop, 119 ft. by 114 ft.; with galleries; a railway wheel shop, the large foundry, 198 ft. by 52 ft.; two moulding shops adjoining, 119 ft. by 64 ft.; core stoves and brass foundry. On the right of the yard are pattern makers' shops and pattern stores, painters' stores, chain shop, stabling, ostler's apartments, and other buildings. The supply of water is unlimited, and free of cost. Coals can be procured for the different purposes at prices ranging from 4s. 6d. to 11s. per ton, and labour is also abundant and moderate. It is proposed to sell the freehold in two lots, giving to each a share of the wharf frontage and a distinct carriage entrance from the road.

Detailed particulars and plans will shortly be ready, and may be obtained by application to Mr. CHARLES CLARKE, Smethwick, who will show the property; to Mr. SWIFT, WAGSTAFF, and BLENKINSOPP, solicitors, Liverpool, and 32, Great George-street, Westminster; to Messrs. BEAL and MARIGOLD, solicitors, Waterloostreet, Birmingham; or to Messrs. FULLER AND HORSEY, Billiter-street, London, E.C.

Note.—A large portion of the purchase-money may remain on mortgage.

**T**O ENGINEERS, FOUNDERS, RAILWAY WHEEL MAKERS, AND CARRIAGE BUILDERS, ANCHOR SMITHS, CHAIN MAKERS, AND OTHERS, LONDON WORKS, SMETHWICK, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

**M**ESSRS. FULLER AND HORSEY are instructed to SELL, BY AUCTION, on Monday, the 9th of August, and following days, at Eleven each day, in lots, at the LONDON WORKS, SMETHWICK, lately occupied by Messrs. Fox and Henderson, the valuable MACHINERY AND TOOLS, principally by Whitworth, Nasmyth, Fairbairn, Lewis, Collier, and other eminent makers, including—

IN THE FITTING SHOP AND GALLERIES.—Eleven self-acting screw-cutting lathes, 6 in. to 15½ in. centre; 14 engine-turning lathes, 14 railway-wheel lathes, one very superior double-action ditto; four axle lathes (self-acting), 19 vertical drilling and boring machines, many of them self-acting; three self-acting planing machines, six self-acting screwing machines, universal shaping machine, hydraulic machine for putting on railway-wheels, axle-guard shaping machine, wheel-cutting machine, 700 feet turned wrought-iron shafting, 120 turned pulleys, 54 vices and benches, grindstones, a large assortment of steel tools for the various machines, &c.

IN THE WHEEL SHOP.—Five powerful hydraulic presses, one for pressing bridge links, nuts, &c., one for spoke bending, one for Beattie's patent wheels, one for pressing axle-guards, and one for expanding tyres, with pumps and gearing, worked by steam-power; tyre furnaces, anchor forges, smiths' forges, two 3-ton cranes, one smaller ditto, 6in. fan, 6 ft. diameter; drilling machines, &c.

IN THE FOUNDRIES.—Eight 5-ton cranes, each 16 feet sweep, 15 feet high, with racking-out gear, chains and blocks; three 50-ton cranes (double-purchase); one 28-ton traveller, 48 ft. span; a very superior loan mill; 120 ft. of black shafting, benches, one annealing furnace, small cupola, moulding bins, &c.

IN THE TURN-TABLE SHOP.—Two very powerful surfacing lathes, with face-plates 13 ft. and 16 ft. diameter; one facing and boring machine, capable of boring cylin- ders 72 in. diameter; three self-acting facing machines, one superior self-acting radial drilling machine, with 6 ft. radius; one 12½-ton traveller, 38 ft. span.

IN THE ANCHOR SHOPS.—Two Nasmyth's 50-cwt. steam-hammers, with Cornish boilers; one tilt hammer, with 16-horse power horizontal steam-engine and boiler; two powerful Hercules (one to work by steam-power), eight 5-ton and three 3-ton post-cranes, 14 feet to 22 feet in the sweeps; seven screw and finishing forges, seven anchor-smiths' forges with water turbines; a chain-screwing machine, bed 106 feet long, with hydraulic cylinder 6 ft. 2 in. long, 9-in. ram, and set of three pumps worked by power; chain forges, &c.

IN THE RAIL SHOP.—Two self-acting planing machines, to take in 15 ft. by 4 ft. 1 in. and 11 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in.; one drilling machine, sawing machine, shafting vices, benches, &c.

IN THE CARRIAGE-BUILDING SHOP.—Two large and five small eccentric planing and shearing machines, one powerful lever ditto, set of plate-bending rolls, 12 ft. 4 in. wide, two machines for straightening L and T iron, two pipe-bending machines, four sawing machines for iron, three drilling machines, circular saw bench, thickening machine, 350 feet of black shafting, with 28 turned pulleys; furnaces, vices, benches, pattern-makers' lathes, &c.

IN THE SMITH'S SHOP.—Fan blast, 5 feet; one small Nasmyth's hammer, lever peaching machine, one corrugating machine, with dies complete; one Hercules, one Ryder's patent forging machine, five wrought-iron cranes, one small traveller, 150 feet black shafting pulleys, &c.

IN THE BOILER-HOUSE AND YARD.—Four 23-horse power high-pressure steam boilers, one very powerful punching and shearing machine, capable of punching 2½-in. hole in 1½-in. plate; two hydraulic proving machines, 15-ton weightbridge, 20 cwt. weighing machine, 6-ton iron post wharf crane, one 16-ton derrick, Henderson's patent, 56 feet sweep; two 3-ton travellers, 21 ft. 2 in., and 35 ft. 3 in. span, with double-purchase gear and rams; fittings in pattern makers' shops, pattern stores, and offices; a large assortment of wood patterns, the dies for the various sizes of Lieutenant Roger's patent anchors.

FOUNDRY.—Boxes and flasks, ladies' stores of various descriptions, and a large collection of other miscellaneous requisites for a first-class engineering establishment.

To be viewed three days prior to the sale. Catalogues may be had at 1s. each, of Mr. HORNLOWE, architect, Waterloostreet, Birmingham; and of Messrs. FULLER AND HORSEY, Billiter-street, London, E.C.—Note.—Approved bills of three months date will be taken from purchasers to the amount of £50 and upwards.

**F**OR SALE, a 24 in. WHIM HORIZONTAL ENGINE, with a 10 tons boiler, nearly new, in excellent condition, and drawing machine attached.

As this engine is very superior in make and condition, parties requiring use will do well to examine it.—Apply to Mr. C. WESCHER, 21, Southwark, Exeter.

CORNWALL.—PEERAN ST. GEORGE UNITED MINES (within eight miles of Truro), PERRANARBOLOE.

## VALUABLE MINING MATERIALS FOR SALE.

**M**R. CORFIELD respectfully announces that he has been favoured with instructions to SUBMIT TO AUCTION, on Monday, the 19th July inst., commencing at One p.m., at the above MINES, the following valuable MACHINERY, MATERIALS, &c., theron, consisting of—

A valuable PUMPING ENGINE, 60 in. and 100 in. cylinders combined, 8 ft. stroke, equal beam, with four boilers, about 36 tons.

A 20 in. winding ditto, with boiler, about 6 tons.

One 80 in. pumping ditto, 10 ft. stroke in cylinder, and 9 ft. in shaft, with three boilers, about 33 tons.

An 18 in. crushing ditto, with crusher, complete, and boiler about 6 tons.

N.B. Should the engines not be sold as described, the boilers will then be offered separately.

3 excellent balance-bots.

Capstan and other ropes.

A quantity of valuable pumps, varying in size from 12 to 20 in.

II and top doorpieces.

Working-bars.

Windmills.

Plunger-poles, with stuffing-boxes & glands.

Brass clacks, seats and valves.

Bucket pumps and caps.

Several prime oak main rods, varying from 45 ft. to 50 ft. in length.

A quantity of excellent timber of various dimensions, an excellent perpendicular saw mill, a cast-iron stamps' axle for 8 heads, a set of taps and plates, old brass, and many other valuable materials and effects in general use in mines, with all the usual requisites of a smith's shop.

The auctioneer, in inviting the attention of mine agents, railway contractors, builders, and others, to this important sale of mining materials, can confidently recommend them, as they are of the first description, and were laid in regardless of expense.

Catalogues will be ready for delivery in a few days.

The lots being numerous, the sale will commence at One precisely, and a punctual attendance is earnestly requested. Refreshments at Twelve.

To view, and for descriptive particulars, apply to Capt. PILL, the agent on the mine; and all other information had of the auctioneer, Penryn.

N.B. Approved bills taken in payment, where purchases exceed a certain amount.

Dated July 1, 1858.

## RAILWAY WAGONS.

**M**R. DIXON WILL SELL, BY AUCTION, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Mashroo Station, on Tuesday, the 20th day of July inst., FIFTEEN RAILWAY MINERAL OR COAL WAGONS, now in use, having wrought-iron wheels.

These trucks are in excellent working condition, and may be seen for seven days prior to the sale at the Sliding near the Holmes Station, on the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch of the Midland Railway. The sale at Three for Four o'clock precisely.

Rotherham, June 24, 1858.

## STOKE CLIMSLAND CONSOLS, CORNWALL.

**M**ESSRS. MONK AND SON WILL SELL, BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 21st day of July, 1858, the WHOLE of the MACHINERY and MATERIALS on this MINE, comprising a 24 in. DOUBLE-ACTING, ROTARY, HORIZONTAL, CONDENSING ENGINE, 6 ft. stroke, with boiler 9 tons, with hauling and pumping gear attached, in first-rate condition; two sweep rods, 9 in. square, with brass, caps, loops, plates, and pins complete; travelling hole, with guides; bishop's head, saddles, and brasses; shaft rod, 30 ft. long by 1 ft. 6 in. square, with king post, guides, nose plate, bishop's head, bridles, brasses, and balance box; feed-off rod, with bearings, brasses, and iron-work; complete; 18 fms. of wood main rod, with strapping-plates and bolts.

**P**LUNGER LIPT.

1 12 ft. 12 in. pumps.

2 7 ft. 12 in. pumps.

1 3 ft. 12 in. matching.

1 12 in. plunger-pole and case.

1 12 in. stuffing-box and gland.

## DRAWING LIFTS.

9 ft. 9 in. pumps.

10 ft. 11 in. working.

9 ft. 11 in. sinking windmills.

1 11 in. door and doorpiece, with seating and clack complete.

1 12 in. flat bottom windmills.

8 9 ft. 9 in. pumps.

8 9 ft. 8 in. working.

8 9 ft. 8 in. windmills.

8 9 ft. 8 in. door and doorpiece complete.

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**TO COAL AND IRONMASTERS.—TO BE SOLD, BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, at the GEFS COAL, COKE, and IRONWORKS, NEAR BRIDGEHEAD:**  
A HIGH-PRESSURE ENGINE, 16 in. cylinder, 8 ft. stroke, with fly-wheel, and all the gearing for an incline plane.  
A LOW-PRESSURE ENGINE, 30 in. diam. cylinder, 6 ft. stroke, with parallel motion, beam, and metallic piston, &c.  
A well got up NEW PATENT SELF-ACTING BRICK MAKING MACHINE, with gear, complete, and TWO PRESSING MACHINES in connection with it, made by CLAYTON, London.  
HOUSE GEAR for CHAFF CUTTING, almost new.  
An OLD CHAFF CUTTING MACHINE.  
ALL THE PARTS OF a 24 ft. diam. WATER-WHEEL, in good condition (arms wanting).  
SEVERAL BLACKSMITHS' ANVILS.  
THE APPARATUS of a BALANCE PIT, consisting of two carriages, 1 in. chain 50 yards in length, guide rods, sheaves, &c.  
Several tons of OLD CHAIN, and other useful materials for collieries and ironworks. For further particulars, apply to the MANAGER, at the Works.

**TO COLLIERY PROPRIETORS AND OTHERS.—**  
FOR SALE, ONE 80-in. cylinder PUMPING ENGINE, 10 ft. stroke in cylinder, and 9 ft. in shaft, with four boilers about 45 tons, balance-beam, first piece of rod, &c. ONE 33-in. cylinder PUMPING ENGINE, 7 ft. stroke, equal beam, with a boiler about 9 tons, nearly new, balance-beam, first piece of rod, &c. A PUMPING ENGINE, on Sims's patent combined principle, 22 and 40-in. cylinders, 8 ft. stroke, equal beam, first piece of rod, &c. The above are all within four miles of a port.—For further particulars, apply to Mr. THOMAS FIELD, 2, Crown-court, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C.

**WELSH SLATE QUARRY.—TO BE SOLD, BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, the TREFLAN RIVER QUARRY, situated a short distance from the turnpike-road, and four miles distant from the town of Carnarvon, where the most complete facilities for water and railway conveyances are afforded. It comprises the slate under about 28 acres of land, and has a level driven into the hill side of about 100 yards, presenting a face of slate of excellent quality, 60 ft. thick, above such level, with sufficient cavity at the entrance thereto for tipping them without further cartage. To view the quarry, apply to JEREMY DAVIES, at Bank Quay, Carnarvon; and for price and particulars, to Messrs. NORTH and Son, solicitors, 9, Park-row, Leeds.**

**GLAMORGANSHIRE.—FOR SALE, a SMALL FREEHOLD G WORKS and COTTAGES, conveniently situated for supply of coal, &c., with or without VITRIOL CHAMBER, MACHINERY, and OTHER PLANT.—Apply to H. and F. GIBBINS, Skewen, near Neath.**

**FOR SALE, a STRONG POWERFUL MILL, suitable for GRINDING METALLIC ORES, PIGMENTS for COLOURS, or any hard substance required to be finely pulverised, being an important improvement on the edge numerals hitherto in use.—To be seen on application to Mr. DAN. GYLES, 185, Blackfriars-road, London.**

**TO BE DISPOSED OF, BY PRIVATE TREATY, a valuable LEAD MINE, in the centre of a good mineral district in NORTH WALES. The set is very extensive, and covers an area of about 10,000 acres of land. Intersected throughout with a large number of ledges, containing lead ore and blonde, of which a great quantity of lead and blonde has been raised from the backs of the slate level.—For further particulars, apply to Capt. WILLIAM PEARCE, Llanidloes, North Wales.**

Llanidloes, July 6, 1858.

**MILLTOWN SILVER-LEAD MINING COMPANY, TULLA, COUNTY CLARE, IRELAND (LIMITED).**

Capital £15,000, in 3000 shares of £5 each.—First call £1 per share.

This company has been formed for the purpose of efficiently working the Milltown Silver-Lead Mine, in the county of Clare.

The lode is composed of spar, blonde, mundine, quartz, and lime rock, intersected throughout with good branches of silver-lead ore, worth about £20 per ton. The blonde is worth £3 per ton. Large deposits of ore have been found in the same strata, and carbonate of lime in large quantities lies at the surface, suitable for burning.

The company commenced working on the 19th of April. A winze has been sunk, and the last report (27th June) mentions a course of lead and blonde in the very bottom of the winze being visible, about 18 in. wide.

Specimens have been received, and may be seen at the offices of the company, No. 9, Westminster-street, Dublin, where also applications for shares, prospectuses, &c., may be addressed.

**BREA CONSOLIDATED TIN AND COPPER MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).**

NEAR ST. IVES, IN THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL.

In 12,000 shares of £1 each.—Deposit 10s. per share.

No future call will exceed 1s. per share, and an interval of three months will elapse between each payment.

**BANKERS**—Messrs. Wm. Wms. Brown and Co., 58, Commercial-street, Leeds.

**SOLICITORS**—Messrs. Payne, Addison, and Ford, 58, Albion-street, Leeds.

**BROKER**—Richard Binney, Esq., 48, Albion-street, Leeds.

**SECRETARY**—J. B. Hedges, Esq.

**OFFICES**—10, PARK ROW, LONDON.

Applications for shares to be made to the broker, and the secretary, at the office, where prospectuses may be had, and a plan of the estate inspected.

**THE LONDON AND NORTH SEA FISHERY COMPANY (LIMITED).**—Capital £100,000, in 20,000 shares of £5 each.

Deposit 10s. per share.—Future calls not to exceed £1 per share, payable at intervals of not less than three months.

**DIRECTORS**—

DONALD NICOLL, Esq., M.P., 14, Park-lane, Hyde-park—**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**.

Mr. W.M. HAGGIS FORGE, Billingsgate—**MANAGING DIRECTOR**.

**BANKERS**—The Union Bank of London.

**SOLICITORS**—Messrs. Landor and Buckle, 25, Eastcheap, London.

**SECRETARY**—Mr. H. Stephenson.

OFFICES—74, KING WILLIAM STREET, E.C.

Applications for shares to be addressed to the secretary, at the office.

This company is formed by parties engaged in the fishing trade, to afford a regular supply of fish to London and country markets—a want now greatly felt. They are about to place a large establishment at King's Lynn, and already possess nearly 40 vessels, ranging from 50 to 90 tons burthen, which number is to be greatly increased. The enterprise is supported by the Corporation and inhabitants of Lynn, and by the directors of the East Anglian and Eastern Counties Railways, with whom favourable arrangements have been made for the conveyance of the fish. The managers are all practical men in the trade, and the utmost economy in the administration will be exercised by the directors. The lucrative nature of this branch of trade is well known to all concerned in it.

Applications for shares to be addressed to the secretary, at the office.

**THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Established in 1836, with a Paid-up Capital of

SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS.

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